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## SGA election apps available

Elections for SGA's undergraduate officers and representatives will take place next month, and applications for prospective candidates are now available in the SGA office.

Interested students can pick up application packets in the SGA office or download one online at [www.sga.gatech.edu/elections](http://www.sga.gatech.edu/elections).

Applications for the positions of president and executive vice president are due Wednesday, March 16, at 4 p.m.

All representative applications are tentatively due Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m. However, this time may be subject to change.

Candidate information sessions will be held Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17.

Campaigning will begin at midnight on Monday, March 28. Elections are slated for Monday, April 11 through Wednesday, April 13.

## Talk to address leadership

Howard Prince, director of the Center for Ethical Leadership at the University of Texas, is coming to Tech to engage in discussions about leadership programs.

He will present a lecture on Monday, March 7, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 117 of the Flag Building.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**D**ancing the Night Away: Students dance at the Biltmore Hotel in RHA's WinterBuzz 2005 formal Friday, Feb. 25. Attendees danced to the beat of various music under an array of multicolored lights throughout the evening. This was the 14th annual WinterBuzz.

## International plan takes root

By Nikhil Joshi  
Staff Writer

Several academic units turned in course lists earlier this week for the International Plan, an initiative begun as a part of the Quality Enhancement Plan during the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process.

Students will be able to apply for admission to the program as early as next semester.

Academic units—including International Af-

fairs, History, Technology and Society, and Management—are currently submitting course lists to the Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (IUCC), which will give final approval March 31.

Associate Provost Jack Lohmann and Howard Rollins, director of International Education—who have led the process of drawing out the plan—feel that it will help Tech's reputation.

"Globalism is more important now than ever," Rollins said. "The Inter-

national Plan will make Tech more visible on the international scene. It will also attract more students who will be valuable to Georgia Tech."

Students who choose to pursue the International Plan will complete four main requirements: three preliminary courses, which provide a context for international study, as well as either two years of proficiency in a foreign language or the equivalent, which is measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Lan-

guages (ACTFL) Language Proficiency Test.

The program also includes two semesters of study or work abroad as well as a culminating course to be taken in a student's final year.

The preliminary courses are not major-specific, and students will take one in each of the following categories: international relations, global economics and one relating to the specific region in which they wish to study abroad.

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## OIT works around kinks in spam filter

By Alexandra Pajak  
Contributing Writer

Last month, delays slowed email services at Tech when messages due to a virus backed up a new spam filtering system recently implemented by the Office of Information Technology (OIT). In addition, some individuals' entire inboxes were temporarily deleted.

Chief Technology Officer Ron Hutchins said the holdups were related to a spike in messages passing through the new Ciphertrust system, which helps rid incoming mail of spam.

However, he said that the filter improves the Prism system in many ways. He explained that the Ciphertrust system functions first with a "spam identification" system that helps Tech filter unwanted emails from unknown sources.

"This has been one of the most

asked-for things on campus...The roll-out [of the Ciphertrust system] was successful until we had the influx of a virus," Hutchins said. "It sent a huge number of emails into the system."

Jason Bel-ford, OIT's technical leader on spam control, said that the week of Feb. 16—when the delays occurred—OIT saw approximately 200,000 emails sent due to the virus.

Fifth-year Electrical Engineering student Gregory Heim experienced email problems during the weeks of Feb. 16 and Feb. 23.

"Somehow a listserve I am on

got a virus or spammers got hold of the [honors] club email. And now I get porn spam."

Hutchins said, however, that such email on a listserve is most likely not related to the Feb. 16 virus.

Most students seemed unaffected by the recent filtering errors. "I didn't have a problem," said Nihal Ladiwala, a student worker at the computer cluster in the Student Center.

Ladiwala expressed satisfaction with email accounts on campus.

He also pointed to the message located on Webmail's homepage ([webmail.mail.gatech.edu](http://webmail.mail.gatech.edu)) as an

**"People advertise through [spam]. It's so insidious—you can turn off your TV, not look at billboards."**

**Ron Hutchins**  
Chief technology officer

## Tech does not oppose HOPE limit

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

Tech administrators do not oppose legislation that passed in the Georgia House of Representatives last week limiting the number of credit hours covered by the HOPE Scholarship to 127 hours, regardless of degree program requirements. If passed by the Senate, the bill will come into effect for all students enrolling in a state school after July 2005.

In a letter written by Institute President Wayne Clough to Representative Bill Hembree who introduced the bill, HB 299, he wrote, "As might be expected, this did give us some initial concerns about our students being reimbursed for all their required college credit if they continued to be otherwise HOPE eligible. However, having now discussed this matter with officials with the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and getting a full explanation as to how this change would be administered, we are of the opinion

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**Andrew Harris**  
Director, Government Relations

that HB 299 will offer a viable option for those whose curricula require 127 hours to graduate. Therefore we do not have any opposition to the bill."

Under current laws, HOPE will cover the cost of college until either graduation or until 127 credit hours have been attempted for degrees requiring less than 127 credit hours for complete. However, for degree programs requiring more than 127 credit hours, HOPE will currently cover all of the credits required for graduation, up to 150 hours.

The legislation would end this exception. While the legislation is targeted towards joint degree programs that offer students a chance to earn a bachelor's and a master's degree at the same time, none of the dual degree programs at Tech are covered by HOPE. According to Registrar Jo McIver, 11 majors at Tech will be affected by the 127 credit hour limit. There are currently 5,047 students enrolled in these majors. While the legislation in HB 299 will not affect students already enrolled at Tech, more than 5,000 people could be enrolled in affected majors in the next four years.

The "viable option" Clough referred to in his letter is the HOPE "grace period." If a student begins his or her last semester with less than 127 credit hours, HOPE will pay for the entire last semester, even

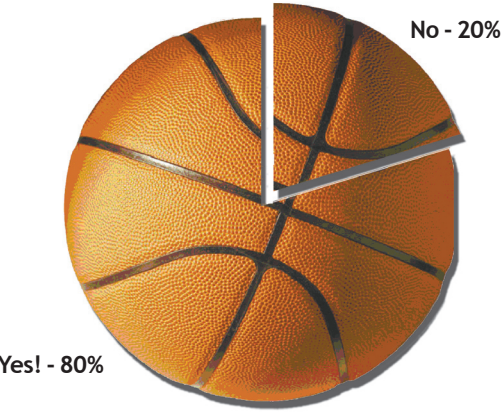
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Last issue's question received 85 responses.

Will Tech make the NCAA tournament?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
What majors need international exposure?  
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Sidewalk campfire

On Feb. 23, an unknown person started a fire on the sidewalk outside Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Students in the area who were camping out for a basketball game stated they did not know who was responsible. The fire caused no damages and was extinguished by GTPD.

Not your average scalper

On Feb. 23, two men were in the process of the sale of a Duke vs. Tech basketball ticket. One of the men switched the ticket with an old ticket and handed it off to his partner,

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

who ran from the scene.

The cheated man held onto the offender until police came to the scene. GTPD arrested the deceptive man.

Stepping on toes

On Feb. 23, a man and his wife were attempting to leave O'Keefe West Parking Lot when a female student and a male blocked his way. The driver asked them to please move and honked his horn.

The girl became aggressive and flipped her middle finger at him. The driver threatened to call the police and the girl said she was going to call herself. The girl's foot was reported to be run over. GTPD could not locate the female victim, so they released the driver and his wife.

Oops

On Feb. 24, a male student in Hefner reported he gave personal information to a suspicious female offering him a Visa Club Card. The student said the woman told him he had excellent credit and qualified for a Visa Club Card.

The student gave her his social security number, home address, phone number, mother's name, annual income and employment history. Afterward, he became suspicious and tried to call the woman. His call was transferred to a full voice mailbox. A Visa Credit Card representative told GTPD they had no information about a Visa Club Card.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Amanda Dugan

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

### Graduates fund Sting Break concert request

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate held a lengthy meeting Tuesday, passing five bills after extensive discussion.

The largest bill passed by the graduates was an allocation of \$20,000 to the Student Center Programs Council to help cover Sting Break artist fees. According to organization representatives, this year's Sting Break will be accompanied by charity events, and this charity affiliation has allowed for a significant increase in artist cachet.

Despite the organization's expectation to get a substantial discount on artist fees thanks to the charity involvement, more funds are still needed to secure the presence of an artist. The \$20,000 request will go towards paying that fee.

Kasi David, graduate student body president, spoke out in support of the bill.

While nearly all of the other senators supported the bill, several of them also expressed concerns about the event.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Senator Pelham Norville spoke at length about his past experience with organizing concerts,

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- Joint allocation to Mars Society at Georgia Tech (a)
- Joint allocation to Mars Society at Georgia Tech (b)
- Joint allocation to India Club, Pakistani Student Association, Cricket Club
- Joint allocation to Student Center Programs Council

#### Bills failed

- Joint allocation to Culture Tech (b)

delineating his numerous issues with hosting the event outdoors in Yellow Jacket Park. He expressed his belief that it would have been more affordable to host the concert at an indoor facility due to lower staging, security and other costs.

Despite this concern, however, he said he supports the bill and requested that his suggestions be considered next year.

After the prolonged discussion period, the bill passed by a wide margin.

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## Undergraduate House of Representatives

### Clough presents capital campaign

Have some major gifts now that can be captured within the campaign.

Position ourselves to be ready as the economy grows stronger.

Take advantage of relationships developed over past 10 years and growth in the Institute's reputational status.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Institute President Wayne Clough speaks at Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting. He addressed the Institute's monetary standing and the beginning of the next capital campaign.

By Shan Sharif  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed six bills and failed one during Tuesday night's meeting. Before the meeting began, Institute President Wayne Clough gave a presentation to the representatives.

Clough spoke about plans for the next capital campaign, a long-term fundraising effort. According to Clough, Tech receives approximately \$180-\$190 million from the state; this revenue is used to cover basic expenses such as professor salaries. Tech's budget is much more than this, and fundraising is a necessary source of revenue.

Although Tech is constantly fundraising, a major effort like the capital campaign is necessary, Clough said.

According to him, state governments in general are cutting back on funding of public universities. Tech's budget is growing faster than state funding is, he said.

When planning such a fundraising campaign, Clough said that two things need to be considered: the duration of the fundraising and its monetary goal.

He said he believes that a capital campaign would be effective at this time, and that there is justification for a \$1 billion campaign.

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By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**A**ll the Right Moves: Students dance all night at the Onyx Ball last Saturday in the Alumni House. The ball was the first annual Black History Month gala, sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the African-American Student Union and the National Society of Black Engineers.

## UHR

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If implemented, this Capital Campaign project will be the third major fundraising campaign at Tech. The previous campaign raised approximately \$700 million.

After the presentation, the representatives turned to the list of bills before them for the evening.

The Student Center Programs Council requested money for funding of the Sting Break concert. A few representatives wanted to know which artist would be performing.

The organization representative stated that if the bill were passed, there was a 95 percent chance that Ludacris will be performing; however, at the time there was no absolute certainty. He said there are two backup bands in case of problems. The bill passed.

The Mars Society requested

funding to cover expenses of traveling to the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) in southern Utah, a laboratory that simulates the environment of Mars. The expenses included hardware that is necessary for the expedition. The organization submitted two bills related to funds for attending the MDRS; the bills were slated together and passed.

A joint allocation to Culture Tech and Freshman Activities Board was also considered.

The bill, which requested funding for their Culture Extravaganza, was tabled last week. Amendments were made to the bill that removed all items that covered food expenses and the bill was then passed for approximately \$400.

Representatives discussed another joint allocation to Culture Tech, which was also tabled last week. The organization was seeking an additional \$2,000 for rental

of the Robert Ferst Center. The bill failed.

Representatives also passed an allocation to the Georgia Tech India Club, Pakistan Student Association and Georgia Tech Cricket Club. The bill requested funding to cover expenses for purchasing the broadcasting rights for a series of upcoming cricket matches. Students will have the opportunity to watch these matches.

Two bills that concerned the upcoming elections were slated together. One bill concerned the elections code and the other dealt with the elections schedule. Both bills were passed with minor amendments.

A bill for an allocation to MOVE was passed, as well. The bill requested funding to cover travel expenses for a member of the organization to attend a community service conference in Berkeley.

## GSS

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The senators also addressed two bills that were tabled last week.

The first of the two bills, a joint allocation to the Freshman Activities Board and Culture Tech to run Cultural Extravaganza (an event set to run concurrently with Culture Tech's food fair), was tabled last week because it requested a significant sum of money and did not enumerate the items on which it would be spent.

The bill was rewritten to address those failures and resubmitted at a new total of \$423. The details revealed, however, that several of the organizations requested funds for food, a violation of Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy. The senators removed the food items from the bill, trimming the total to \$360, and proceeded to pass it.

The other tabled bill from last week did not share the same fate, however. The bill, requesting money for a March 7 Culture Tech performance at the Ferst Center, failed to pass in its second attempt.

SGA has an agreement with the Ferst Center that stipulates rental costs for the facility will be covered automatically for any student organization hosting an event that is expected to draw over 500 students.

The organizers of the Culture Tech performance expected only approximately 100 attendees for their event, falling far short of the 500-student mark.

Senators felt that though there may have been some miscommunication between the organization and Ferst Center staff regarding the funding requirements, SGA should not be responsible for picking up the bill.

"The Ferst Center is welcome to try to make amends," said Brandon Yarbrough, a Computer Science senator.

The organization did seek to

find a different place to hold its event, but failed to locate another available auditorium by the time of the GSS meeting. The senators reaffirmed their recommendation of an alternate venue before failing the bill by a wide margin.

Since the meeting, Culture Tech followed the Senate's advice and has found a location for the event—it will be held in the LeCraw Auditorium.

The next two bills dealt with requests from the Mars Society at Georgia Tech. The organization focuses on the exploration and study of the planet, as well as public awareness of progress in the field.

The club asked for money to fund a planned trip for a team of researchers to the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah. The two-week trip will cost the club approximately \$14,000: they asked for \$1,400 in one bill and \$1,073.40 in another to defray some of the expenses.

According to organization representative John Christian, the team will be the first group composed entirely of students from one university to perform research at the station.

The organization has done a significant amount of fundraising for the trip. Additionally, members will be paying for many of the associated expenses out of their own pockets.

Several senators spoke out in support of the Mars Society's trip, pointing to the group's extensive efforts to minimize the funds they needed to request from SGA as worthwhile reasons to pass their bills. The rest of the Senate agreed and passed both bills, one of them unanimously.

The next bill, moved from new to old business and passed by the senators, was a request for \$750 by several clubs to buy broadcast rights for the India-Pakistan Cricket Series, running March 4 through April 9. The bill saw little discussion prior to its passage.

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## Dropped classes that count toward HOPE hours may still limit students

### HOPE

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if the final number of credit hours paid for exceeds 127. While this grace period is not officially stated in the legislation of HOPE, it is the policy of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the state group that administers HOPE.

Hembree said he introduced the bill in an attempt to bring fairness. The bill is not directly aimed at cutting costs for HOPE, and administrators for the scholarship are not sure how much this measure will save. Instead, Hembree said in an address to the House, "This is an issue of fairness. All programs and all HOPE scholars should be equal," according to the *AJC*.

Andrew Harris, Tech's director of Government Relations, reiterated Clough's letter, saying that the administration does not oppose the

bill because with proper planning, students should still be able to have HOPE until they graduate, regardless of major. "Theoretically," Harris said, "you can have HOPE cover 140 credit hours, as long as you plan your last semester."

Many students are already taking advantage of the "grace period" policy.

"I only have one HOPE credit hour left in this semester," said Yoni Pollak, a Mechanical Engineering student, "but I got 12 credit hours paid for by HOPE."

However, Pollak is a transfer student, and the total number of credit hours he attempted while on HOPE exceeds the limits for a Mechanical Engineering degree.

"I do have to pay for four more hours this summer before I graduate," Pollak conceded, "but I think it's pretty fair, compared to my friends who are paying out-of-state tuition."

**"When you drop a class, it counts against your HOPE hours, so to get in at 127 you'd pretty much have to not drop a class, or only drop one class..."**

**Matthew Kuhlke**  
Fifth-year ECE major

But Matthew Kuhlke, a fifth-year Electrical and Computer Engineering major, said dropping classes will become a bigger issue with the proposed limits.

"Usually, you only need about 120 hours to graduate. So it seems that they give you the extra 6 or 7

for dropping a class or two, but here at Tech you have 127 or 126 anyways," Kuhlke said.

At Tech especially, dropping classes is common due to the large amounts of course work some classes require, he said.

"When you drop a class, it counts against your HOPE hours, so to get

in at 127 you'd pretty much have to not drop a class or drop only one class during your whole time here," Kuhlke added, "I don't think it's very reasonable."

In the end, though, Pollak said, the biggest bane for HOPE recipients at Tech is still the high grade point average requirements.

together their experiences abroad in the context of their major," Rollins said.

The goal of the International Plan is for students to be able to apply these courses of study to any degree program.

**"There are already opportunities abroad, and the International Plan will open even more doors for students."**

**Maria Geonczy**  
First-year CE

This final course is major-specific, although a collaborative course covering similar disciplines is being considered.

These courses have not yet been created. According to Rollins, the capstone will teach students "how their disciplines are practiced across

the world, and define the role of culture in these disciplines."

Rollins added that the course is what sets the International Plan apart from initiatives at other universities. "Other schools may offer a certificate or major in another department, but in the International Plan, global context is a natural part of each discipline," he said.

Some students reacted positively to the creation of the program. "It makes sense that Georgia Tech would head in an international direction," said Maria Geonczy, first-year Civil Engineering major. "There are already opportunities abroad, and the International Plan will open even more doors for students," he said. Michael Chu, first-year Electrical Engineering major, agreed. "It seems like a great opportunity—something that a lot of students will be interested in," he said.

Tech will be accepting approximately 100 students into the program in the spring, and, according to Lohmann, hopes to have 300 students in each class participating in the program by the time it is finalized in five years.

## Breaking *the* Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### Juvenile executions ruled unconstitutional

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the execution of minors or those who committed their crimes while minors is unconstitutional. The 5-4 decision held that the practice violated the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The ruling effectively brings to an end a practice that is carried out in 19 states in the U.S., and will throw out the death sentences of some 70 juvenile murderers on death row.

"The age of 18 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood. It is, we conclude, the age at which the line of death eligibility ought to rest," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, according to [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).

### Murder of crows threatens royal family

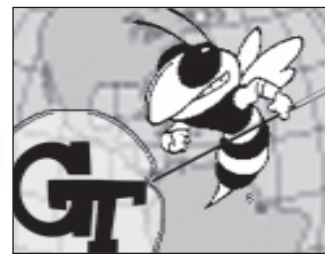
According to legend, the British royal family may be in danger. Six ravens who live in the Tower of London are threatened by up to 200 crows who have invaded their space, stealing food and spreading disease.

King Charles II in the 17th century ordered that six ravens should always live at the Tower of London; legend holds that if they leave, the tower will fall and, subsequently, the monarchy.

Sharpshooter Derrick Coyle has taken up arms in defense of the six ravens. Every Sunday at dawn, he patrols the tower with his .22 air rifle, aiming for ill birds among the group of crows to help prevent the spread of disease to the ravens. Interestingly enough, a collective group of crows is referred to in English as a murder of crows.

### Not showering tears Iranian family apart

An Iranian woman has filed for divorce because her husband has



not showered in over a year. According to the woman, 36, even their children are no longer willing to approach their smelly father.

Iranian law defines a concise list of valid reasons for a wife to divorce her husband, which include being a drug addict, in jail, abusive or impotent. Not showering for an extended period of time is not on the list; however, the woman will attempt to prove that her husband's smell has caused her to hate him so much that she can no longer remain in the same residence with him.

### Japanese firms work to bring robots to life

Japanese company Flower Robotics unveiled a new robot that may one day replace static mannequins in clothing stores. The humanoid robot, programmed using motion-capture technology, is capable of striking a variety of glamorous poses and identifying the brands on shoppers' bags to assist marketing research.

In related news, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has announced that it is exploring options for the development and manufacture of general-purpose bipedal construction robots. The robots, similar to those popularized by the animated series *Mobile Suit Gundam*, were the focus of a mid-February recruiting event.

### Anti-Syrian sentiment grows in Lebanon

Leaders of Lebanon's opposition movement have made a list of demands, including the resignation of Lebanese security chiefs and the immediate withdrawal of Syrian forces. Mass demonstrations began last month after the assassination of popular former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in Beirut.

The pro-Syrian Lebanese Prime Minister Omar Karami has already resigned in the face of mass public pressure. Syria has provided no immediate response to the opposition's demands; however, Syrian President Bashar Assad has pledged to withdraw his troops from Lebanon.

## sliver

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Man, you'd think out of all the water fountains in the library, at least one would have good cold water... nope.

Next stupid pedestrian who crosses in front of me when I have a green light gets run over. I mean it.

"Mr. Enginer" --presented by the Miss I-Can't-Spells To the geek couple in the front row in HPS 1040: NO MAKING OUT IN CLASS! OR BEFORE CLASS! OR ANYTIME WHEN I MIGHT HAPPEN TO SEE IT! eww...

We can do anything that you can't stop us from doing. Was that just me or did someone chalk the shocker on the Skiles walkway?

MISSING: girls on campus who are sweet, sincere, attractive but not cocky about it, and interested in dating me the ad manager needs to get laid, maybe then she wouldn't be so bitter

every girl on campus needs to go see 'Hitch'. You'd learn so much...

Thank you Two Bits Man! Now campus is gonna reek like an unflushed toilet next week!

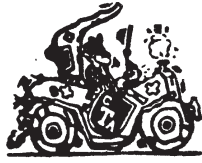
Odd thing is that I'm gonna be forced into testing out the theory myself.

Ooooh! Ooooh! Old section editors posting slivers!! Which one?



# OPINIONS

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### Quote of the week:

"When there is no peril in the fight  
there is no glory in the triumph."  
—Pierre Corneille

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

# Collective bargain

Recently the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Department of Housing have begun exploring Housing's collective liability policy in light of an increase in vandalism incidents in residence halls, most notably recent events in Eight Street and Center Street Apartments. The current policy states that students are jointly responsible for the cost of repairs of any breakages or damages within the common areas of residence halls and apartments. If the responsible party for the vandalism is unknown, then Housing can charge everyone in a hall or apartment for the damages equally. The policy is generally only invoked when there has been an excessive amount of damages caused to a hall, and the minimum amount of a fine is \$25.

While it may seem unfair to residents who have played no part in the vandalism incidents to pay fines, the policy is a necessary evil for Housing. Otherwise the costs of maintaining the dorms would increase. However, it is important that a revised policy be formed with more detailed information on how much students have to pay in proportion to the amount of damages incurred, how many residents are subject to fines depending on where and when the incident occurred, and detailed warning procedures before a fine is even accessed.

Since this issue affects 6,000 residents living on campus, it is important that students become involved in the decision-making process on what changes, if any, should be made to the current policy by making their views known to their RHA representatives. Housing is not your typical landlord, and students should understand that the rules for living on campus are entirely different from those for off-campus apartments.

# Making a splash

After doing an exceptional job hosting the ACC Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships, the Aquatic Center has become the venue of choice for premier events, with plans on the horizon to host future NCAA national junior championships, NCAA championships and tomorrow's NCAA Last Chance meet. The event brought much-needed publicity to our teams, who have worked tirelessly to build fan support at their new home since they moved in less than two years ago. Students who had never previously attended a meet were drawn from across campus, and many were able to watch the event while working out at the CRC. We applaud the work that Head Coach Seth Baron has done to build up the national reputation of Tech's athletic programs and facilities, and we look forward to upcoming years.

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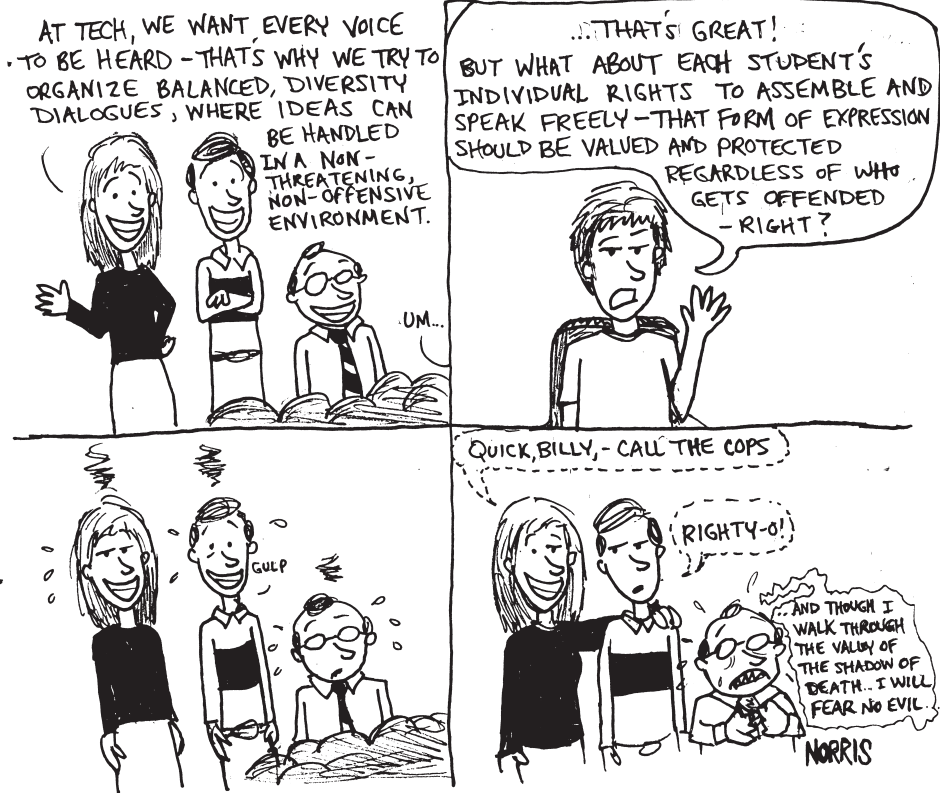
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# Leadership programs need retooling

How many student leaders does it take to screw in a light bulb? Well, it doesn't really matter if they can't afford a light bulb in the first place.

Intrigued by the latest squabble over the LeaderShape program, I began thinking. On campus, we have Emerging Leaders with a budget of about \$50,000. LeaderShape is priced around \$50,000 also. According to our leadership website (yes, we actually have one; I was surprised too: [www.leadership.gatech.edu](http://www.leadership.gatech.edu). Check out their "Levels of Leadership" section for a good laugh.) the Bradley-Turner Foundation at some point awarded Tech with a \$1 million dollar endowment specifically for leadership initiatives. These are not the only groups and programs.

The upshot is that leadership education involves a large sum of money. Yet we do not seem to have a clear idea about how exactly this expenditure benefits campus.

Therefore, I was pleased to read that Student Affairs will be taking an in-depth look at these programs. "We're in the process of trying to re-energize a discussion that started probably five years ago on leadership education programs," said William Schafer, vice president of Student Affairs, in the *Nique* last week.

This campus needs a debate about which is more effective, teaching students how to hypothetically lead, or on-the-job-training and having funds available so that the opportunities exist for students to step up as leaders. This is especially pertinent in the shadow of yet another choice between slashing Tier III funding and increasing our Student Activity Fee.

Current initiatives have a huge selection bias, meaning those who don't want anything to do with activities labeled as "leadership development" and all its connotations, will probably not sign up for a course or a weeklong workshop.

This begs the question: If these



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**Art Seavey**

Development Editor

programs only attract "leaders" anyway, then what are we actually developing?

Jennifer Schur wrote an excellent editorial back on Oct. 15, addressing the current student-organization system, which in my opinion is a side-effect of these leadership programs—a self-perpetuating clique of student leaders exists on campus, or rather "...elites serving elites..."

When I was visiting Harvard last year I had the chance to speak candidly with a professor in the Kennedy School of Government. We got around to talking about the different academic centers available to students. He volunteered the idea that, from his experience, these centers seem to come and go like fads in cycles of five to six years. He felt the leadership-education bug—also the itch of moment at Harvard—had been played and would slowly suffer the usual burnout.

Tech's student body has never been one to jump on the latest fashions; maybe the Institute is catching the leadership jive too late. Have our current student leaders so quickly disappeared that we need to institute some bureaucracy as a stop-loss measure? Come on now, what we call civilized society has existed for thousands of years. Any charlatan posing as a "leadership consultant" portraying it as a novel concept will have some ulterior motive.

If pushy donors who earmark funds are the reason we have all this money for leadership initiatives, then the issue is more tenuous;

however, Tech still needs to stand firm. Money should not be taken just because someone wants to give it; every program has unintended consequences. Donors need to be educated that the Institute might be in a better position to decide how to allocate their contributions than they are.

I'm going to give our administrators the benefit of the doubt and assume that leadership programs are worthwhile. In that case, let's prove it. We have an entire community on this campus skilled in taking unwieldy, politically charged problems and determining the cost-effectiveness of programs: the School of Public Policy.

Funding a short, two- to four-year longitudinal study of student leaders and the leadership-development architecture on campus would be an excellent living lab for policy students. If the results were to come out positive then fantastic, we have been doing well and now have something tangible to display to donors and other schools. We may also learn where our returns will effectively be diminished.

If we find that our programs have serious flaws and the money could be better spent elsewhere, then that's just as beneficial a result. At least we would know where we are and how to change for the better.

To me, it seems we are currently leading leadership blindly. An unbiased, academic study is the only way to make sure that the light bulb gets installed properly.



# Student Center display prompts new debate

This past Tuesday morning began like most Tuesday mornings do, only this Tuesday morning was to include a fatefully uncooperative egg. Upon pulling the bowl filled with what was supposed to be a slightly overcooked sunny side up egg out of the microwave, the yoke suddenly exploded into my eye. I suppose my dad would have said that the yoke was on me.

I thought that the day couldn't get any worse (or stranger), but then I went to the Student Center. And saw the display case.

Entitled "Feminist Fantasies," the case was filled with all sorts of propaganda put together by the College Republicans. At first I was shocked and taken aback by the audacity of some of the content, especially considering the display was next to an advertisement about the events of Women's Awareness Month.

When I examined the Republican ad further, though, I had to chuckle because whatever message they were trying to send wasn't very clear—I couldn't quite figure out what the point was of the collected quotes and pictures of Republican women like Ann Coulter. It wasn't just me, either; I had friends corroborate my uncertainty.

Was the argument that talking about women's issues openly is devil-inspired? Or maybe



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**Jennifer Schur**  
Executive Editor

that women are evil for having abortions?

Either way, using Coulter as a face in any publicity campaign, for or against women's rights, automatically puts it on the fringes of reality. I understand there are radicals for every viewpoint, but parading them in the middle of my Student Center is no way to win my heart and mind.

No matter how valid the Republican's argument might be (assuming of course, that there is an argument to be found somewhere in the display), I'm not going to search very hard for it once I'm turned off by one of the most incendiary pundits there is!

I can just read the letters to the editor now, so before you write in about the newest case of *Technique* liberal bias, let me say that I'm all for right-wingers like William Safire, the illustrious and recently retired *New York Times* op-ed columnist, and

Ainsley Hayes, a Republican lawyer from the first few seasons of the *West Wing*. All I'm arguing for here is that the organizers of the display case should have decided what the point of their space was, and if it was simply to make the people who already agree with them nod happily as they pass by and see something bolstering their preconceived views, then well done. But if the aims were higher, to teach people who disagree something new and give them reasons to take pause and re-evaluate their opinions, then you've failed miserably by instead putting your observers on the defense.

Regardless of whether I agreed with the message or how effective the Republican group transmitted their beliefs, I applaud them as a student organization for putting forth the effort to take a political stance and publicly exhibit their views.

Political activism seems to be

void from the student body except every four years when people, mostly without any real political thoughts, cares or knowledge, put a sticker on declaring their preference because that's what everyone else is doing.

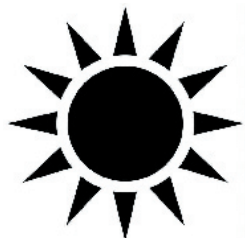
Although we're absorbed in our respective classes, student groups and social circles, we should all still take the time to be informed about what's going on in the world around us. At least a weekly read of the online edition of a national paper will suffice, so that when things like this display case present themselves, you'll know enough to have an informed opinion. Plus, it's one more subject for conversation in your social circle.

The Student Center display case and last year's soapbox debates on Skiles Walkway were great. They encourage the student populace to have real discussions about opinions—things that are sadly absent from typical Tech classes. And what is the true college experience without late night debates among friends, arguing until you don't remember what it is that you're arguing about?

The College Republicans' ad got me to reexamine and defend my opinions about issues that affect me, and there's not much more I could ask for out of a bulletin board in the Student Center.

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



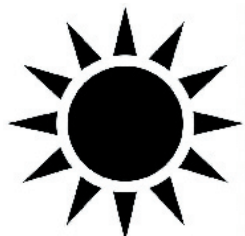
#### Seniors' farewell

If you're part of Luke Schen-scher, B.J. Elder, Will Bynum, Isma'il Muhammad, or Anthony McHenry's posse, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. is your last chance to support them in their final home game at Tech. Senior day against the Clemson Tigers is a game that b-ball fans should try to attend to support the Jackets in their quest for a ticket to the upcoming March Madness tournaments.



#### Mixed signals

Just when we thought it was safe to break out the shorts and T-shirts, Mother Nature gave us a slap in the face with the recent onslaught of dreadfully cold weather. Now this weekend, the temperature is supposed to warm up, but who knows how it'll turn out with the unpredictability we've witnessed as of late. We wish Mother Nature would make up her mind already, we're tired of her hot-cold personality.



#### Surveying students

Throughout each stage of the job search for a new chair for the School of Industrial Engineering, ISyE students have been given the opportunity to sit in on interviews and open forums with the candidates. By including students' opinions and concerns into the process, ISyE is certain to remain No. 1 in the rankings.



#### Advertise, please

Instead of sending out useless emails about WebCT changes that won't take effect for months, a better use would be to let us know about major events that will be hosted on campus. We should be hearing about all of these high school basketball tournaments and concerts that we keep missing.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tolerance misunderstood

[Editor's Note: This letter responds to the Feb. 25 letter to the editor Tolerance of differences avoids slippery slope.]

In the idea of tolerance, there is a crucial, underlying element: disagreement. We cannot tolerate someone who shares our own views. Tolerance is reserved for what we think is wrong. Current popular opinion overlooks this element. If you think something is wrong, you are labeled as intolerant, especially concerning the issue of homosexuality.

I find it ironic that in order to tolerate something, you must first think it is wrong, yet doing so brings the accusation of intolerance. However, one may disagree with and reject another's ideas or behavior without rejecting an actual person.

Ivan Raikov misses this point in his letter in the Feb. 25 issue. Mr. Raikov claims that promoting tolerance of homosexual persons does not force homo-

sexuality on anyone. However, it is not homosexuals as people that the rest of society takes issue with, rather their behavior.

Tolerating people is distinct from tolerating ideas/behavior. The first requires that the views of all people receive acknowledgement but does not imply that all of these views have equal merit. Rejecting another person's ideas/behavior does not mean automatically rejecting that person.

Calling someone intolerant because he disagrees with the someone's behavior is a warped view of tolerance. The issue has been turned upside down—tolerate most behavior, but don't tolerate opposing beliefs about those behaviors. It seems that contrary moral opinions are instead "imposing your views on others."

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## BUZZ Around the Campus

What's the best way to deal with stress from classes?



**Pierce MacMillan**  
INTA Fourth-year

"Skip the work."



**Betsy Gooch**  
STaC First-year

"Watch TV drama."



**Kevin Smith**  
ISyE Second-year

"Bang my head against a wall."



**Chika Umolu**  
EE Third-year

"Sleep and watch movies."

Photos by Matt Bishop



## THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

# Grads' compensation packages need closer examination

Let me begin by stating that the opinions expressed in this column may not necessarily represent the opinion of its writer. Instead the ideas are points of discussion that deserve to be put forward for public debate. Please remember that what is written or related as personal experiences probably does not necessarily reflect my present situation, but comes from other sources close to the author.

Having said all of this, we can now safely embark upon this column. The topic is one close to the heart: reality and livelihood of all graduate student workers. Having seen graduate student life on two continents and in two different departments, I can clearly tell everyone that there is a certain amount of similarity between the lives of graduate students everywhere.

The first topic of discussion is the amount to which graduate students are valued in the research university setting. It can be opined that the economic model upon which the research university is based would fail were it not for the raw talent, time, sheer effort and more time applied by graduate students in coordination with their advisors. When one pictures the classic graduate student, one image comes to mind: TAs and research assistants, the people who just seem to hang about Tech for years on end without ever seeming to get any closer to graduation. Research not only provides Tech with a large source of income but is also one of



**“What would we like to see more of? More time with our advisors, brilliant ideas from the divine, and MONEY!”**

**Karen Feigh**  
Columnist

Tech's main recruiting draws to undergraduate students: the potential to attend a top research institution and work with leading researchers. This is a “win-win” situation for new recruits, the real RATs at Tech. Not only do they learn from the best faculty, but they also gain experience in a major research setting. This experience is greatly influenced by the graduate students that they come into contact with both in the classroom and the laboratory.

Most of you do not need convincing of your importance to Tech, so back to the question of value. How are graduate students compensated for filling such valuable shoes? What motivates us? What would we like to see more of? More time with our advisors, brilliant ideas from the divine, and MONEY!

Let's focus on the money for now. On one hand you could argue that students at Tech are lucky; most of us get paid to teach or do research while attending school. Not bad you say, considering that a GRA and GTA at Tech includes tuition, amazing flexibility of work hours and

20 percent of health insurance costs. Even though graduate stipends have been on the rise over the past few years, the stipends graduate assistants receive are both taxable and benefit-deprived. While I can understand paying into Social Security (may we actually be fortunate enough to benefit from our contributions) and Medicare, as we are a state school, it seems that a tax exemption would be in order. It used to be this way, but all that changed in 1986 when stipends became taxable. And recently the IRS tightened rules to eliminate them.

The one exemption we do still enjoy is not a true tax exemption. Student stipends are FICA (Social Security, Medicare, etc.) exempt. This means we are actually cheaper than ‘regular employees’ because as our employer Tech does not have to contribute to FICA or any retirement account on our behalf. A graduate student's cost to Tech is limited to the cost of their stipend and a few hundred dollars in health insurance supplements.

Tech officially has three levels of

employment: regular, temporary and student. Students are not “regular” employees and are not eligible for a variety of benefits extended to “regular” employees. So what is the difference between “regular” employees and “student” employees? Well very little of substance: “regular” employees must work at least 20 hours a week, “student” employees may work no more than 20 hours a week. One may argue that “regular” employee turnover is lower, but considering the average time it takes to achieve a PhD at Tech, I'd say that graduate student turnover rate isn't all that high.

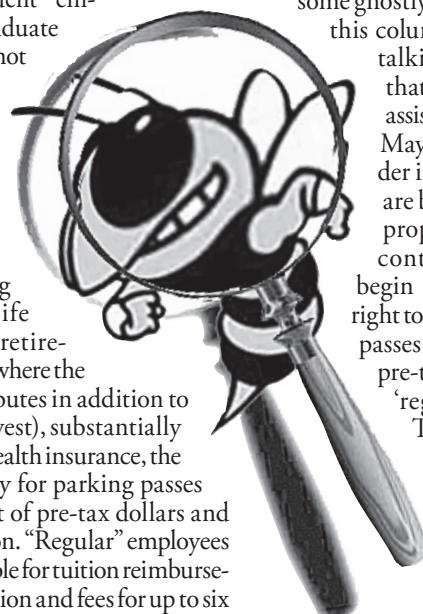
I put forth the notion that this is not fair work practice. As far as I can tell, as “student” employees, graduate students are not eligible for the following: dental insurance, disability insurance, flexible spending accounts, life insurance, retirement plans (where the State contributes in addition to what you invest), substantially subsidized health insurance, the ability to pay for parking passes monthly out of pre-tax dollars and the list goes on. “Regular” employees are also eligible for tuition reimbursement for tuition and fees for up to six

credit hours a semester, and as every graduate student knows our “fees” are hardly ever waived.

If graduate students are such an important part of the economic livelihood of the Tech community (which we are), why aren't we afforded at least some of the same benefits as “regular” staff? My guess is there are two major reasons: it would be too expensive and because we've never stood up for ourselves and asked for these benefits.

History has taught us that no rights have ever been extended to a populace that did not request them and was not willing to work toward their achievement, except in the case of Bob Cratchet, who had some ghostly assistance. Maybe

this column will get people talking about the value that graduate student assistants make to Tech. May it make us all wonder if graduate students are being compensated proportional to their contribution. Let us begin by requesting the right to pay for our parking passes monthly and on a pre-tax basis like other ‘regular’ employees. This would be a good first step in both more equitable compensation and in reducing the semester start-up burden.





# FOCUS

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## WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

Just north of Engineer's Bookstore, Fat Louie's offers up a variety of franks and burgers. See if the food is worth the walk. **Page 15**

## HOME FROM HAWAII

The golf team is swingin', having won the Puerto Rico Classic last week over Florida and No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State. **Page 27**



# Eye on HOPE from behind government lines

*Legislative interns share firsthand perspectives on some of this session's controversial bills*



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

If there is anyone who ought to know the ins and outs of this year's Georgia legislature, it's the International Affairs and Public Policy majors interning at the Capitol downtown.

This semester's members of the Georgia Legislative Intern Program are at the Capitol daily, watching events unfold on closed-circuit television.

"I think there's a lot of misconception about where most of the debate goes on with legislation," said Douglas Gladden, a third-year Public Policy major and a legislative intern this semester. "Most of what the public sees on TV and in the newspaper [are] speeches from the floor...but a lot of the debate really does go on behind closed doors."

The busy session means the interns get to work more closely with the representatives themselves. Both Gladden and Jessica Golding, a third-year Public Policy major, have spent time on the Congressional floor, though they're usually performing office work for the representatives' secretaries.

"You're actually there, and you hear other people talking [about] all these bills...What does the secretary think about it?"

You know, that kind of thing," Golding said. "You get other people's reactions as it's going on right then, and then you're more interested."

This year's session features a number of significant bills that could have potential ramifications for college students statewide.

Gladden and Golding sat down with the *Technique* to give

everything has been accounted for.

"When I first came across [the bill]...I thought, 'Well, they haven't thought this out because of engineering degrees,'" he said. "[But] the more I looked at it, the more I realized they had thought it through, taking into account these certain procedures and the fact that schools are...using HOPE for something it wasn't intended."

Specifically, many universities in Georgia offer joint programs that allow student to earn both a bachelor's and a masters degree while remaining under HOPE, but such programs often require well over 127 hours. This year's assembly agreed that HOPE was not designed to pay for graduate degrees, since it was unfair to other students who would receive HOPE funds only for their bachelor's program.

The potential detriment to engineering students was one of the primary points in the debate over the bill, but Gladden pointed out that students will still receive HOPE for an additional semester if they fall just short of the requisite hours.

"You're given a one-semester grace period that is paid for," he said. "So if the student...finished

**"A lot of the debate really does go on behind closed doors."**

**Douglas Gladden**  
Third-year PUBP major

an insider's look at the hottest issues of the moment.

### The HOPE Hours Cap

Bill 299, a proposal to cap the allowable number of HOPE-funded course hours to 127, led the news when it passed the House last week. The issue caused alarm at Tech, where many engineering degrees require more than 127 hours for completion.

Gladden, however, said that

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# Brilliant idea? You've got 60 seconds to explain it

By Narendhra Seshadri  
Contributing Writer

Maybe while you are staring aimlessly at your physics notebook, a brilliant venture pops up in your brain. What if you were given the chance to launch that product? Or perhaps even get funding and possible investors?

Last Friday, Feb. 25, several students from all facets of campus were given that opportunity during the final round of the Business Plan Competition, sponsored by the College of Management. Five student and alumni teams competed for thousands of dollars in prize money as well as the chance to turn their start-up ideas into reality.

The five finalists were narrowed down from several other teams in a preliminary competition held a week earlier on Feb. 18.

The annual competition, sponsored by local technology firms, is open to any student, alum or professor of Tech (excluding management professors) that would like to see their new technologies or ideas taken to the next level.

"Even though the business plan has to involve new technology, it does not have to be developed within Georgia Tech, and does not have to be a technological product," said Ismael Martin, a Tech alum and a participant's in last year's competition. "It could be a service using high tech, [such as] GPS technology

## 2005 BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS

**1st Place (\$10,000)**

**ImmersiTech**  
*Technology that assesses the severity of head injuries among athletes*

**2nd Place (\$3,000)**

**ViraSURE**  
*Commercializing technology that allows for early detection of viral pathogens such as HIV*

**3rd Place/Most Fundable (\$2,000)**

**Frontier Sensors**  
*An R&D venture in the linear displacement sensor market*

to track rental cars."

One of the motivating factors behind the success of this annual competition is the dedication of the

**"[We] hold the 'elevator pitch' where one team representative has 60 seconds to make their best pitch."**

**Pat Dickson**  
Management professor

competition's organizer Pat Dickson, an assistant professor in the College of Management.

Dickson said that the competition was often a natural extension for many of the classes the College of

Management offers. "We have two courses at the undergraduate level and three courses at the graduate level that provide direct help for students interested in competing," he said.

The competition has steadily grown over the years. Interested groups had to demonstrate commitment early on by participating in a series of workshops that began in the fall and spanned several months.

Eligibility has also been extended to all current Tech students and any Tech alumni who are within five years of graduation. The competition also attracts participants from far and wide, including a group of UGA students who recruited a Tech student in order to be eligible.

In the future, Dickson said he sees even more expansion, such as adding a "Social Responsibility" award for the plan that has the most public good associated with it and even broadening the scope of the



By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Delfi Krishna, a graduate student in Chemical Engineering, presents the business plan for ViraSURE, a company specializing in early detection of viruses such as AIDS, at the Business Plan Competition.**

competition internationally.

Radatec, an Atlanta-based company, is one of the competition's success stories. Radatec took part in the competition in 2001, taking first place. Many other technology start-ups are housed in the Advanced Technology Development Center at Technology Square.

This year's winning team was ImmersiTech, a company that would market a technology used to assess

head injury among athletes.

Jeff Ramsaur, one of the members of ImmersiTech, explained that their venture took shape only after he found the rest of his team.

"We all wanted to work together and decided we would find the right project later," he said.

In fact, the right project took a little while in coming. "The Im-

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# RHA, Housing establish committee to examine collective liability policy

By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

Jumpstarted by recent vandalism in residence halls such as Eighth Street and Center Street Apartments, the Residence Hall Association and the Department of Housing are forming a committee to address the issue of collective liability.

The existing policy, which is outlined briefly in the housing handbook and contract, states that the Department of Housing reserves the right to pass on damage charges to a group of residents when they cannot pinpoint individual residents who are responsible.

The policy is one of the most controversial in the handbook, especially among students who have experienced its impact firsthand.

"I think that collective liability is not fair...Why should the other 120 or so people have to pay for the damages that only one person did to the building?" said Will Evans, a fifth-year Aerospace Engineering major. Evans, who

lived in Hemphill during summer 2003, was fined \$50 when someone stole a golf cart from a utility office and destroyed landscaping.

As a result, the committee, which consists of housing staff and RHA members, plans to meet through March and April to come up with recommendations and changes for the current policy.

"Collective liability has always been on our plate," said Andrew Howard, RHA president. Last year Howard received 85 emails from residents of Woodruff who were upset when the policy was invoked to cover damage to the Woodruff elevator. Similar incidents this year, such as repeated damage to the planter's pots in Eighth Street, has prompted another backlash.

"We're getting a lot of complaints, and they are centered around...the policy in general, and [how] Housing enforces it."

**Andrew Howard**  
RHA president

"We're getting a lot of complaints, and they are centered around two things: the policy in general, and [how] Housing enforces it," Howard said.

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a semester with 126 hours, they can still reach their 135 hours under the HOPE scholarship tuition degree. That's not in the bill, but it is standard practice."

### Minimum Wage Reduction

Another bill going through the legislature proposes to reduce the minimum wage to \$4.25 an hour. According to Golding and Gladden, there's a solid logic behind it: the legislature wants to prevent businesses from losing money on unskilled teenage labor.

The reduced wage, which only applies to employees 20 years old or under and only for the first 90 days of employment, is designed to be a "training wage" while new employees are still learning the ropes of the job.

"A lot of kids will just start working, decide they don't like the job and then leave after the employer spent all that time...and all that money to train them," Golding said. "So it's to save the employers money and maybe give them incentive for kids to actually stay there and work."

Once the 90-day training period is over, teenage workers are considered regular employees with a full wage.

In addition, businesses who do employ teenage workers cannot reduce the benefits or hours of other employees.

Nevertheless, Golding and Gladden admitted the bill may have some potential downfalls.

"I know one argument is a lot of teenagers have to rely on after school jobs as their only means of financial support due to family issues or other

things," Gladden said.

"Teenagers already have restrictions on how much they can work, like...you can't work more than so many hours a week," Golding said. "So this is adding more restriction to their earning capability. But I guess the thought is that their parents should be taking care of them and providing for them."

"Whether it's good or bad I guess will be best seen when it's put into practice if it passes," Gladden said.

**"I think [the underage drinking bill] is specifically targeted for college campuses."**

**Douglas Gladden**  
Third-year PUBP major

The bill is currently under discussion in the House.

### Curbing Underage Drinking

Every college student knows that preventing customers under 21 from purchasing alcohol doesn't stop them from consuming it, but a new bill introduced into the legislature aims to fix that.

The idea is simple: anyone under 21 caught drinking gets a suspended driver's license, with similar penalties falling on the alcohol's supplier.

"I think this is specifically targeted for college campuses. So that's probably something that...if it's actually enforced, will be a big deal here on campus," Gladden said.

In addition, the bill has been pushed by alcohol companies that

fear liability issues.

"In other states, I know some companies have been responsible when a teenager who [was] drinking got in an accident and died," Golding said.

Golding said she expects the bill to pass.

"I think it is a good idea," she said. "I mean, it's already along the same lines as you can't try to purchase alcohol [if you're under 21]."

The wealth of new bills introduced into the legislature this semester is partly reflective of the new Republican majority.

With both the Senate and the House operating under the same party, the legislature has been able to push issues important to the Republican party through the houses with less dissension.

"Most bills in the session have been passing pretty overwhelmingly, even with a lot of Democrats supporting these measures," Gladden said.

According to Gladden, representative Glenn Richardson (R-Dallas) established that each piece of legislation should meet one of four criteria: reducing the tax burden on the citizens, reducing the scope of the government, reinforcing the traditional family structure, and increasing personal accountability.

In addition, the legislature hopes to use the opportunity to prove that they can govern effectively.

"Their real goal is to show...for the past 150 years [under a Democratic majority], they've had to call special sessions to balance the budget. All sorts of terrible laws have been passed," Gladden said. "Their goal is to come in and say we can do this right, we can do it quick, and we can do it in less than 40 days."

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## FACES AT GEORGIA TECH

## IE professor's expertise melds research, sports

By Swathy Prithivi  
Contributing Writer

For all you skeptics out there who think research has little relevance to the outside world, the work done by this Industrial and Systems Engineering professor might make you think differently.

Professor George Nemhauser is a partner in the Sports Scheduling Group (SSG), a company responsible for scheduling the Major League Baseball games starting this April through 2006.

The company has done athletic scheduling for several college conferences, including the Southland Conference for men's basketball and football, the Colonial Athletic Conference for men's and women's basketball, the Mid-American Conference for men's basketball and last but not least, Tech's own Athletic Coast Conference for the past decade.

Nemhauser's research broadly falls under optimization, and he has worked with Delta and other airlines to develop methods for solving logistic issues like the assignment of particular types and sizes of planes to specific routes, ground plane handling and crew scheduling.

He has interacted with the NCAA and the ACC as Tech's faculty representative. "[I am the] main liaison between athletics and academics and

provide checks and balances for the student athletes," he said.

With his experience with airline scheduling, Nemhauser volunteered to help alongside colleague Michael Trick at Carnegie Mellon's Business School with the ACC scheduling of basketball games.

Nemhauser and Trick worked to balance the increasing demands of important TV contracts, coaches' requirements and other constraints such as the availability of playing fields.

"[We] developed effective algorithms while balancing television demands, school arenas' constraints, fairness and minimization of travel, cost and student athletes' absences," Nemhauser said.

The two also did some part-time work on Major League Baseball (MLB), but they were not the main schedulers.

Last year, however, they submitted a proposal and were accepted to schedule the 2005 MLB season.

SSG consists of Nemhauser and Trick, Doug Bureman, the former Senior Vice President of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Kelly Easton, a recent Ph.D graduate from Tech who did her thesis on sports scheduling and applied mathematics.

The entire company is virtual, with Easton running the complex scheduling algorithms on supercomputers in her Kansas home.

"The best way to get involved is to become a graduate student, as most research is done at the graduate level," Nemhauser said. Since SSG is an independent company, they do not involve students directly and are not hiring at the moment, but are thinking of expanding by employing more graduating students when more contracts roll in.

At present, Nemhauser is also the advisor for a senior design group that is working with basketball coaches on recruiting, an aspect of sports that he feels is particularly relevant.

"Recruiting directly contributes to how good a team is," he said. "With NCAA's stringent recruit-

ment...rules, like having only three coaches out at one time and budget constraints—industrial engineering could really help with maximizing the efficiency of recruitment trips."

Nemhauser earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering, but after doing his master's thesis on optimizing chemical plants, he realized that was where his true passion lay, and went on to get a Ph.D in operations research.

"I don't care what I'm optimizing as long as I'm optimizing," he said.

Operations research as a field was started during World War II by engineers and mathematicians

to solve the problems of complex logistics involving the size of troops to be sent to Europe. After the war ended, the industry picked it up, and it was used first by the petroleum industry to optimize profit.

Nemhauser said that he enjoys being a professor, as "you can pick and choose what you want to do."

An important factor for him in his work is real life application. "I get enormous satisfaction in reaching a large number of people," he said.

He is a strong believer in the power of work being fun yet challenging. "If you get passionately involved with whatever you are doing, you will do well," he said.

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**George Nemhauser**  
IE professor

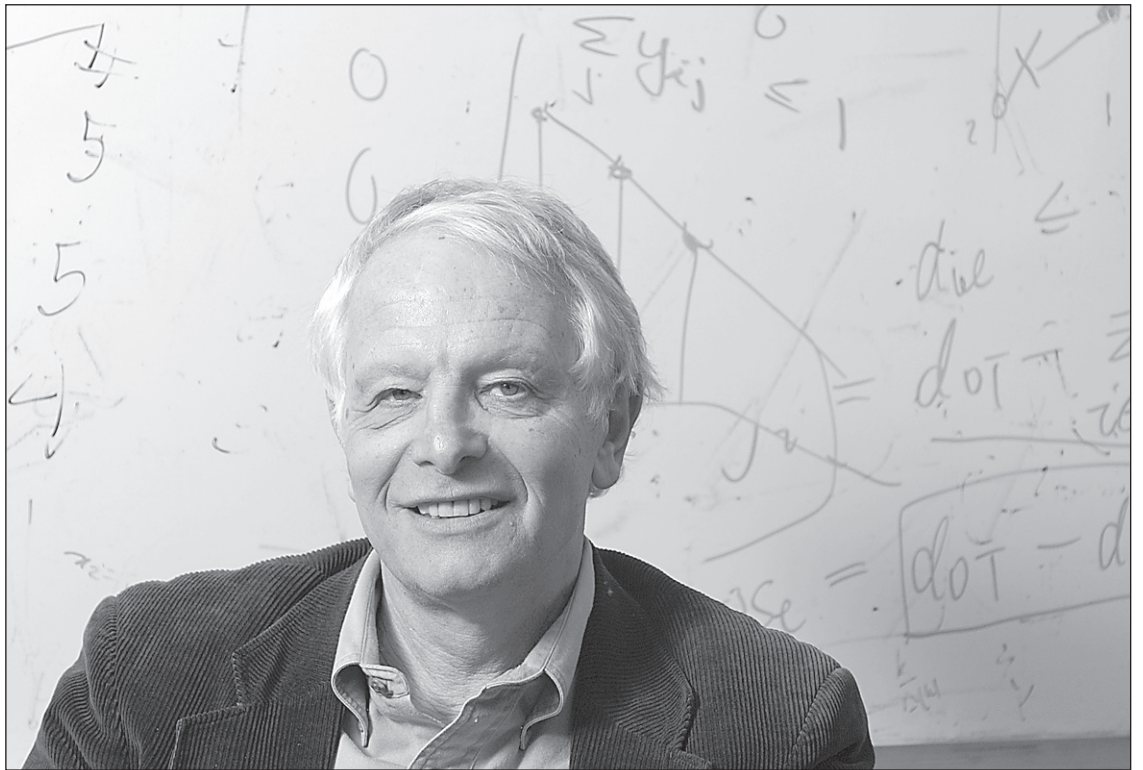


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**Dr. George Nemhauser, a professor in the School of ISyE, is a partner in the Sports Scheduling Group, a company that is responsible for conference schedules such as the ACC and Major League Baseball.**

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mersiTech solution was not our first project," Ramsaur said. "We actually spent a lot of time on another venture before finding some fatal flaws that caused us to seek a new direction. We have learned how to work together and tailor our roles to fit our strengths, much like you would do in a real business."

Ramsaur feels the management based curriculum was instrumental in his team's success. "Every MBA class I have taken has fed into this plan," he said. "It was not about learning to be an entrepreneur but rather about learning how to establish a compelling and actionable business strategy, marketing plan, contingency strategy and workable financial plan."

Many of the start-ups were conceived as part of MGT 6165: Venture Creation or MGT 6789: Technology Ventures, classes where students formulate a complete business plan.

However, all of the groups said that in order to be ready for the competition, the total effort involved was about three times greater than the initial effort for the class.

"Talking to potential customers and investors—the more they got excited about technology, the more it drove us and confirmed our feelings about the potential of the venture," Ramsaur said. However, creating a business plan also involved less lofty tasks. "The least enjoyable part was creating the financials," he said.

One of the highlights of the competition was the "elevator pitch" portion, which took place on Feb.

18, a week before the final round. During this part of the competition, the teams presented their business plan to a panel of judges for a prize of \$500 in grant money—but with a twist.

"[We] hold the 'elevator pitch' where one team representative has 60 seconds to make their best pitch," Dickson said.

In the time it would take for an elevator ride, the team must tell what the company is about, what problem they are solving, what they are going to accomplish it—and the most important of all, they must capture the attention and the imagination of the judges and the audience.

"We have a panel of judges that selects the winner based on one criterion—which team would most likely be invited to your office tomorrow in order to let them present their full business plan," Dickson said.

However, there were many other components to the

competition, including an initial screening and an intensive Q&A session.

"Just making it to the competition is challenging," Martin said.

ImmersiTech plans to go on to compete in the Venture Challenge at San Diego State University and the New Venture Championship at Oregon State University later this spring.

ImmersiTech's advice for future entrepreneurs? "Seek out and be receptive to constructive feedback and don't be afraid to admit that you don't know something. Just follow up with the right answer when you get it—and keep your solutions as simple as possible."

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**Jeff Ramsaur**  
MGT grad student

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Women's basketball is headed to the ACC tournament, led by a group of outstanding freshmen. **Page 25**

# Sims go to college in new expansion

By Hillary Lipko  
Entertainment Editor

*The Sims 2* is, to date, the No. 1 selling PC game of all time and for good reason. Think about it: you can probably think of at least one person who has played either the new version of this wildly popular simulation game or one of its predecessors. There's no doubt about it: the game is addictive.

Sure, it gets annoying to have to micromanage when your Sim eats, sleeps and bathes (can't they think for themselves at all?) but the most amazing part about the game is how it allows a player to create a world all their own.

Where else can you control the destiny of someone, let alone their entire family? *The Sims* caters just a little bit to the god-complex in all of us.

So it's all been done before, right? I mean, I grew out of my *Sims* addiction in ninth grade, didn't you? What makes *Sims 2* so special? It's better, that's what.

Everything that you wished you could customize in the first *Sims*, you can probably customize in *Sims 2*. And even better for our god-complexes, you can watch your Sim grow up—in *Sims 2*, your Sim ages.

It's this new aging feature that allowed for the introduction of the young adult age group in Maxis' first expansion

for the second-generation *Sims*

game. Dubbed *Sims 2 University*, the expansion allows for these young adult Sims to move out of their family homes and go to college.

Tim LeTourneau, the producer of *Sims 2 University*, explained that the university concept was really something that

they'd wanted to do for the first *Sims*, but since the characters in the original *Sims* don't age, it didn't really make any sense. It did make sense, however, to make *University* the first expansion for *Sims 2*.

You as the player have the option of sending your Sim either to one of two pre-existing universities programmed into the game, or to a university that you create. Yes, you can even send your Sim to a *Sims* version of Tech.

While in college, your Sim has the same opportunities as any student—he can make new friends, make new enemies, declare a major (there are 11 to choose from) and join a club or Greek organization.

Your Sim also has the opportu-

nity to make money while at school by getting a part-time job, playing in a band or doing one of several other things to earn money.

Much like in the base version of *Sims 2*, once your Sim has enough money, he can upgrade his living conditions. In *Sims 2 University*, your Sim has the option of living in a dorm, a Greek house or a private house that is usually shared with roommates.

The concept of roommates

also introduces a new aspect to gameplay—you live with Sims whose actions you cannot control. However, your Sim has the ability to gain influence over his peers through his actions. This addition is also back-compatible with the base game and allows your Sim to gain

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**Tim LeTourneau**  
*Sims 2 University* Producer



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# Fat Louie's offers good ol' American fare

## Local restaurant harkens back to days of traditional burger joint

By Melissa Cataldo  
Contributing Writer

Open for roughly four months, Fat Louie's should be a hit at Tech. Specializing in "simple American food done right," as chef and owner Tuan Raphael described, the restaurant is a student-friendly and inexpensive place just north of Engineer's Bookstore within easy walking distance of campus.

With the tag line "beefs, burg-

ers, dogs," they serve what I see as fantasy baseball stadium or old-school burger joint food. Raphael and co-owner Andy Gaudiano seem focused on fresh quality ingredients, harkening back to Mom and Pop burger stands of the past, when Mr. McDonald was the one selling the hamburgers.

My favorite sandwich was the Fat Louie burger (\$5.99) with angus beef, grated sharp cheddar, applewood bacon and Louie's zingy hickory sauce,

which is delicious. It's just the right level of messy and indulgent.

The homemade french fries are perfect—a unique combination of skins still on and super-skinny, well-done with just a little crispiness hot out of the fryer.

The Chicago dog is a good choice for a quick budget lunch—for \$2.95 you get fries and a Sabrett beef hot dog on a poppy seed bun with mustard, tomato, bright green Chicago-style relish, pickles, whole

sport peppers, onions and celery salt.

Fat Louie's other specialty is Chicago-style Italian beefs (\$5.99), seasoned roast beef sandwiches served dry or au jus.

Be aware that when they say au jus, they really mean au jus. If you are personally opposed to the resulting messily wet fork-and-knife sandwich, you can opt for a dry roast beef. The beef is very thinly sliced and has a

**"As the name suggests, Fat Louie's is more about guilty pleasure than health food...the restaurant has escaped yuppification in honor of good old... American food."**

slightly spicy flavor.

I regret not also trying the roast beef with mozzarella and marinara sauce, since many customers seem to like it that way as well.

To cap off my gigantic meal (what can I say, food reviewing is a sweet gig), I had the chance to enjoy the potato skins—bacon and cheddar melted on thick wedges of skin with heavy sour cream for dipping.

As the name suggests, Fat Louie's is more about guilty pleasure than health food, although the menu

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A customer picks up his order at Fat Louie's, a new restaurant located near Tech, that serves classic American fare that might damage your arteries but won't hurt your pocketbook.

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Battlebots has nothing on them

Because you know you love 'em, the FIRST Robotics Competition is coming this Friday and Saturday to the Gwinnett Convention Center. The competition is a regional level affair which pits high school students' robots against one another. Entrance is free and the competition is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

## Blues series offers more than music

Friday, March 4, the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead will be playing host to the second concert in "Nothin' but the Blues," a series which brings together fans with some of the of the best and most respected blues musicians. Along with its desire to entertain, the series also hopes to educate about the history, evolution and impact of blues music. Tickets are \$25-\$35 for a single concert and \$90-\$100 for the four concert series. The Friday show starts at 6 p.m.

## It ain't easy, so they're not green

Through May 1, the Fernbank Museum in Chandler Park will be hosting "Frogs: A Chorus of Color," an educational exposition featuring over 100 amphibians in all sorts of beautiful colors. Come learn about their lives and habitats. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday when they open at noon. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$11 for seniors and \$10 for children 12 and younger.



## Epitaph Tour revives punk, indie rock at Masquerade

By Jennifer Allen  
Contributing Writer

The Masquerade seems like one of the sketchiest places in Atlanta to hold a concert, but at the same time it is one of the coolest. You somehow feel the music more; the floor literally shakes with the moshing and the vibrations of the music.

This past Tuesday the Masquerade was host to the Epitaph Tour 2005 with Motion City Soundtrack, From First to Last, Scatter the Ashes and Matchbook Romance.

First up was Scatter the Ashes. To be honest, they were not that bad, but at the same time they weren't that good either.

The guitarist was awesome, and the bassist was good, but the lead singer was a little too out there. All the touching and feeling himself up didn't win the crowd over. But they did have an interesting sound that was a mix of punk and metal. It definitely made you listen to the music and wonder what their other songs sounded like.

Then there was From First to

Last. It seemed that there were a lot of kids who came to hear them. And rightfully so. They are a good band that keeps the crowd entertained.

During the show the lead singer Sonny Moore said, "Hey does the stage smell like feet to you?" after being told that the stage had been cleaned he said, "Oh, well, it's my shirt then. Kids, don't wear shirts more than three days when on tour."

They are the typical punk band, guys wearing girls' pants that are two sizes too small with crazy hair.

There was definitely something about them that seemed like they were from the old days of punk

**"There was definitely something about [From First to Last] that seemed like it was from the old days of punk rock."**

rock. The crowd really got going for them and by the end of the set they were jumping and screaming the words to all the songs.

Motion City Soundtrack was the perfect band to play after From First to Last. The crowd was already geared up so when Motion City took the stage there was even more crowd surfing and moshing than before. Bodies were

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influence at home as well.

Many of the new features and objects in the expansion may not be so new to some players of the game. Some of the new aspects of *University* were derived from cheats and gameplay objects that were created by fans of the game.

One popular cheat, the resurrection cheat, was integrated such that if you want to bring a dead Sim back to life, you could just call up the Grim Reaper on a special telephone and offer him an amount of money to bring your Sim pal back to life. Be careful, though; if you don't pay the Reaper enough, the deceased will return as a zombie.

The expansion is also packed with over 100 new objects, including stereos that play music from the college radio station—in *Simlish*!

You might even recognize some of the songs as ones you've heard before, as all of the songs in the game are *Simlish* versions of songs by up-and-coming artists.

Another new object is one so random, one can't help but wonder which sleep-deprived game developer came up with it—a Sim-eating cow plant. The carnivorous plant is given to a Sim who majors in one of a few fields.

Normally, the plant just eats meat that the

owner Sims feed to it, but if you get too close to it during feeding time and you don't have a tasty treat, watch out, because you may very well become its dinner.

This plant has yet another sick twist, but I'll leave that as a surprise to those who play the game.

There are also a number of new non-playable characters (NPCs) that have been added in this expansion.

One is a particularly annoying cheerleader who likes to show up at sporting events and parties to get all in attendance to participate in the school cheer.

It sticks in your head though, so if you're not careful, you might find yourself doing the cheer too if you play too much!

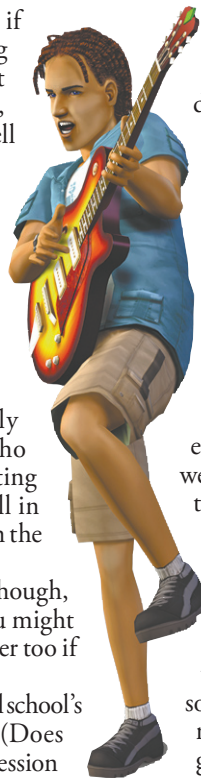
Another NPC is the rival school's mascot—an evil cow. (Does anyone else get the impression that someone at Maxis has a cow fixation?)

The cow also likes to show up at parties and sporting events, and sometimes even at random, to taunt the Sims at the university. Occasionally though, the evil cow isn't so evil. Once it even picked up a guitar and started playing music with a couple of sorority girls.

Sometimes, due to the AI in the game, events that were not intended by the developers occur during gameplay.

"A lot of humor in the game comes from unscripted gameplay... things that we never expected to happen," LeTourneau said during a demo of the game for members of college press.

The aspects of gameplay are



so incredibly vast that one can't even begin to grasp or describe how detailed and precise the world created within *Sims 2* and *University* is without playing it.

Of course, the versatility of the game doesn't even allow for an exact definition of what "playing it" is.

"The game caters to all sorts of gameplay styles—gamer, moviemaker, storyteller... sometimes we're amazed with some of the things, some of the uses that players come up with for the game... things we never intended," LeTourneau said.

LeTourneau then went on to explain how some fans had created elaborate short films using the game. He mused over some of the objects and cheats that

had been created by users to suit the needs of these filmmakers and the wants of those who simply want to customize the game to tell a specific story.

Expansion packs, of course, are meant as something for players to further expand their creativity and gameplay in a much larger way than any fan-produced object or cheat ever could.

So regardless of how you play the game, it's one to pick up and try. I mean, real college life is enough for most of us, but it doesn't hurt to know that you've created your own little world where your Sim either shares your pain or lives out the fantasy college life that you've always dreamed of. Just don't forget that you still have work to do.



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## Shut up, keep your hands to yourself

Well, children, it's that time again. We're about half way into the semester, sufficient periods of benefit of the doubt-giving have been allotted and the metaphorical wheat has bid farewell to the chaff.

It's time, once again, for one of the Two Bits Man's patented "Open Letter to the Various Asshats in My Classes," wherein I commence to berate the various inconsiderate, idiotic and generally asinine among us for your reading enjoyment.

First up, you two, separate seats. *Now.* It's a damned shame when two legal adults need to be seated apart from each other so that the class can actually

function, but today it seems that's the way it is.

I don't know if maybe you didn't get the memo, but we're not in grade school anymore and Teacher really ought not have to do things like tell us to keep our hands to ourselves.

Also, while I'm filling you in on things that you really should already know about, there will be no goldfish crackers served, no milk and cookies, no Kool-Aid and nap time is long gone. Consider yourselves informed; now shut up.

And you, with

the bicycle helmet and the leather jacket (nice combination, by the way): I regret that I must inform you of the tragic reality that no one, not even the professor you're so shamelessly trying to impress, is quite as enamored with the sound of your voice as you seem to think they are.

That's right. I know it's a shock. Feel free to sit down if you need to, but under no circumstances should you talk in class anymore. Frankly, it could be dangerous for you.

You know that scrambling sound followed by a loud thud that you usually hear after you've been rambling on for five minutes or so despite the entire class's obvious objections?

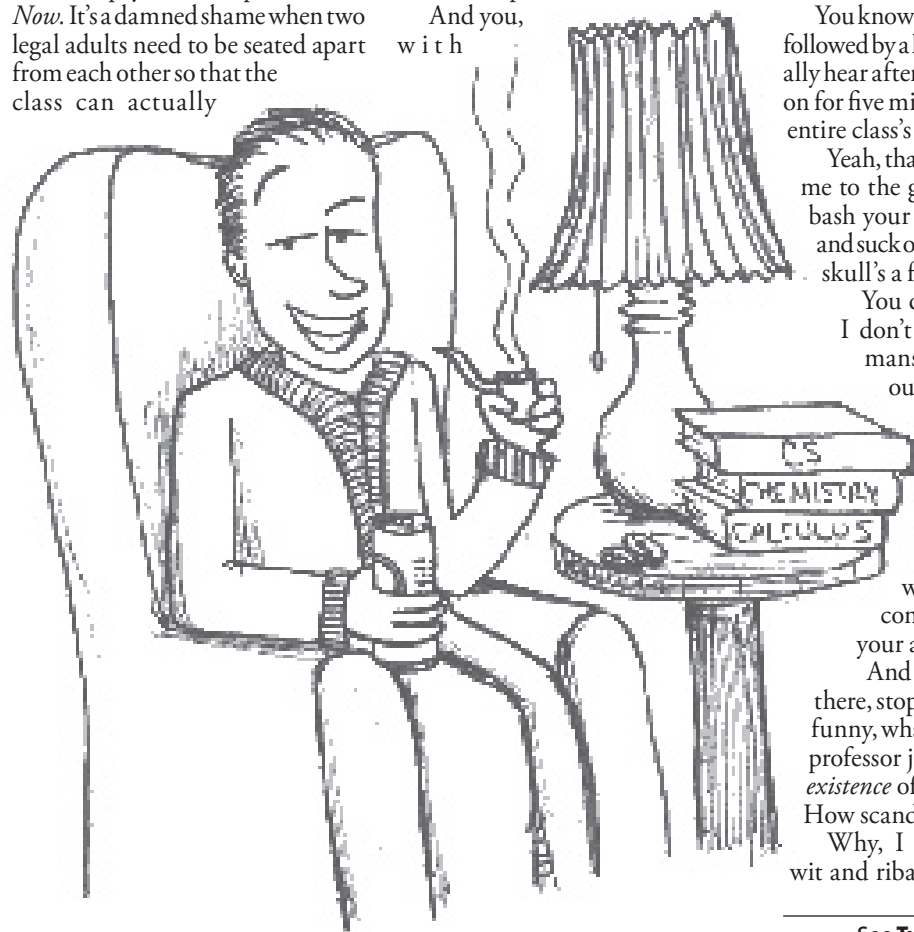
Yeah, that's my friends wrestling me to the ground so that I don't bash your head against the wall and suck out the remains like your skull's a freaking lobster claw.

You don't want to die, and I don't want to do time for manslaughter. So, for both our sakes, just stop talking. Oh and while I'm at it, pull up your damned pants.

I'm not at all comfortable with the amount of time in which I'm forced to contemplate the crack of your ass.

And finally, you, in the back there, stop laughing. It's not that funny, whatever it is. Yes, yes, the professor just acknowledged the *existence* of alcohol in the world. How scandalous. How droll.

Why, I do declare that such wit and ribaldry are the height of



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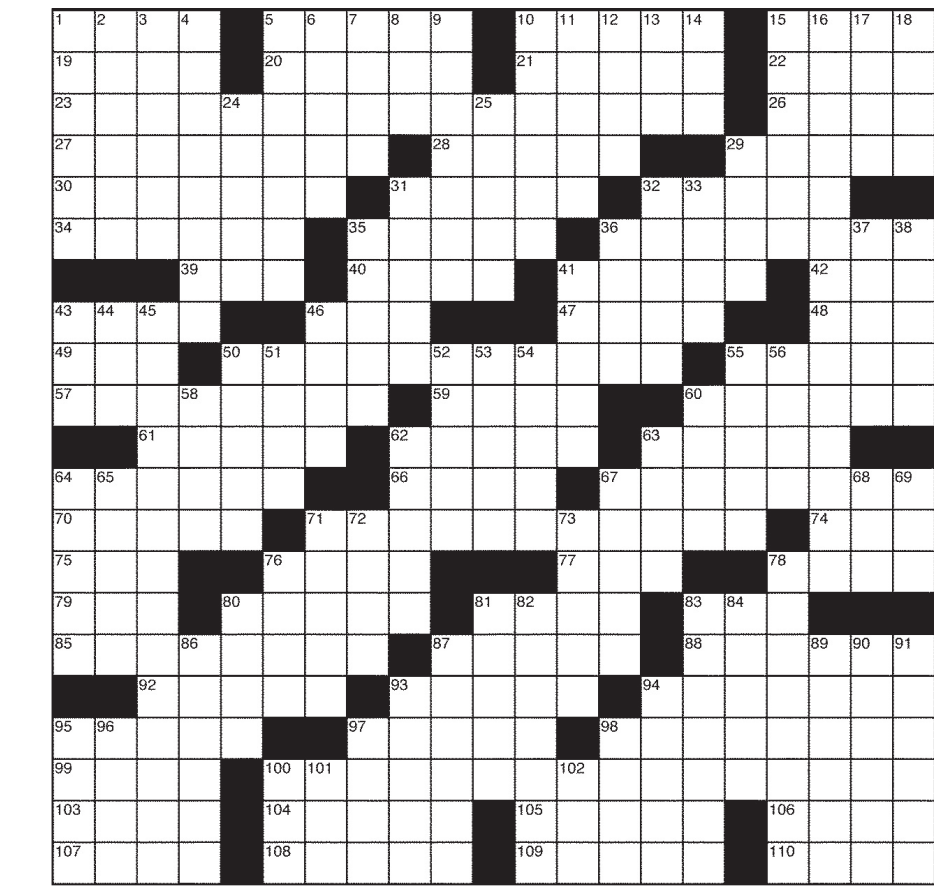
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62. Pulls apart  
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64. Izmir, formerly  
66. "I forbid"

67. Hiker's description, perhaps  
70. Rachel's father  
71. Pluto  
74. A Bobbsey twin  
75. Thurman of "Kill Bill"  
76. Remedy  
77. Punch  
78. Used indigo  
79. Stevie Wonder's "\_\_\_ Duke"  
80. Presume, in logic  
81. Blissful time  
83. Yellowfin  
85. Evergreens  
87. Smooths out  
88. Ropes for wranglers  
92. Assuage  
93. "Your \_\_\_ or mine?"  
94. Six-stanza verse  
95. Long-time Olympic broadcaster  
97. Showy tropical plant  
98. Land bridges for boats  
99. School desig.  
100. Venus  
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106. Give up  
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1. Coronas, perhaps  
2. Brunch order  
3. End of a palindrome  
4. Script  
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18. Winning margin, sometimes  
24. Gardener in October  
25. Watering holes  
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41. Dobie Gillis had many  
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44. Stillwater inst.  
45. Mars  
46. Like a forest  
50. Seymour role  
51. \_\_\_ Major  
52. Dutch painter, 1626-79  
53. Fuming  
54. Composer Anderson  
55. Refined, jokingly  
56. Scoreboard info  
58. Theda of the silents  
60. Gator's cousin  
62. Home screen  
63. Hammer or sickle  
64. Snowfall aftermath  
65. Ike's Mrs.  
67. Feathered food supply  
68. Actress Charlotte \_\_\_



69. Draper's remnant  
71. Dim  
72. Fleur de lis  
73. Scherrie of "The Supremes"  
76. Contraband crop  
78. From here to there  
80. Ester lead-in  
81. Donald's ex  
82. Leaves suddenly  
83. With eyes wide open

84. Headlong pace  
86. Shaggy mountain-eers  
87. Weather phenomenon  
89. John Hancock, notably  
90. Tribe of the Iroquois League  
91. Is impertinent  
93. More washed out  
94. Up to now  
95. Intend

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96. One of these  
97. Ammunition  
98. Mexican peak  
100. Von Clausewitz subject  
101. Island in the Seine  
102. Took a load off

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does feature vegetarian items such as a veggie burger and a portobello mushroom sandwich. Mostly the restaurant has escaped yuppification in honor of good old high-fat American food.

The classic blues and jazz playing at the restaurant was dead-on for eat-'til-you-bust music, and the updated Americana décor in a renovated garage makes for a cheery, fun and casual atmosphere.

The place already seems to have loyal regulars; I ran into one man who had driven from outside the perimeter to go back for his second burger that week.

Gaudio suggested that student groups at Tech may be interested in using Fat Louie's as a place for meetings, since it is generally not crowded during the evening (lunchtime gets the bigger crowd). They can also cater group meeting dinners.

Fat Louie's is starting a delivery service for the Tech campus as well. I suggest walking over and trying it for a relaxed lunch sometime.

## Epitaph from page 16

flying and kids were singing.

They had their own type of punk music as well. But unlike Scatter the Ashes who infused metal with punk, Motion City Soundtrack seemed to infuse some hybrid form of pop into their songs. They were all very catchy and made you sing along even if you had no clue what the lyrics were.

It was at this point that the crowd was the largest. So many kids had come to see Motion City Soundtrack that one wondered how anyone could follow up their performance.

However, Matchbook Romance was the perfect way to end the show. Although they don't have as hard an edge as the other bands, there was still a good deal of crowd surfing going on.

They also made the crowd do

**"In the background of every song Matchbook Romance played one could hear the crowd singing the words."**

what the other bands didn't—sing along to the music.

The lead singer Andrew Jordan said, "We in Matchbook Romance have a thing where you have to sing. Either you sing the words to the song or you make up your own. We don't care, just sing."

And the crowd did just that. In the background of every song that was played by Matchbook Romance one could hear the crowd singing the words. The last song that they played, "Promise," was one that they let the crowd start and in the middle let the crowd just sing away. It was almost like saying, "Here is a song for the fans, and we want you to sing it to us."

All in all it was a good show. While punk was the main characteristic running through the bands, there was enough diversity to keep everyone happy and entertained.

## TwoBits from page 17

the season.

Where will such fiendish humor stop? Heavens, next they'll be making puns about how much different words sound like bodily functions. Won't that be delightful?

Why just the other day I heard a smashing good joke linking the children's classic *Winnie the Pooh* to human feces. Huzzah!

Seriously though, grow up. Gone are the days where a mere mention of something remotely illicit by a teacher should be funny. We're all adults here, so if the professor decides to use beer as a part of an example in class, get over it.

That said, I've officially expended my supply of sarcasm for the next

month or so. Seriously though, hush.

Ah, it's always such a relief to get this stuff out there. I mean, seriously, it's like a weight has been lifted.

You guys really need to get your own columns in the paper, so that you too can bitch about how much you hate your fellow students. I tell you, it's cathartic as hell.

However, given that that's a fairly wildly unlikely turn of events, perhaps you can just take solace in the fact that your buddy,\* the

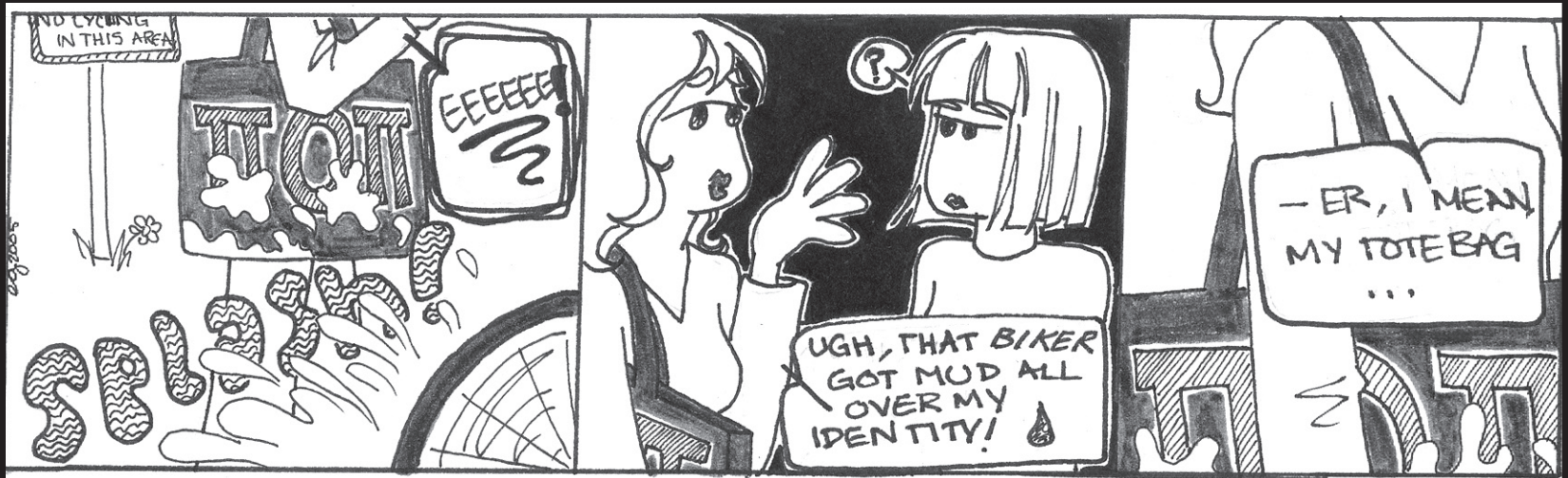
Two Bits Man, feels your pain and sympathizes wholeheartedly. Keep on keepin' on, friends.

\*The Two Bits Man is under no obligation to be your buddy and does not necessarily like any of you.

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## TECH B\*TCH COMIX

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**Making Friday classes more interesting**



## ACC

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of the headlines for men's swimming this week, Baron was particularly impressed by the courageous efforts of sophomore Tony Burkhardt, who, despite suffering an injury from hitting the board on his first dive, pushed through and tallied an eighth-place finish on the three-meter board with a score of 400.85.

"Tony Burkhardt last night was probably one of the most inspirational performances we have seen. You cannot say enough for that kind of gutsy performance and that kind of commitment to the program. For someone like

Tony to step up and finish that event to get the points for the program even though he was bleeding was the boost needed for the men's team," Baron said.

In the same event Tech freshman Evan Stowers broke the school record with an 11-dive score of 537.20 to finish fourth.

The University of Virginia captured its seventh consecutive Men's ACC title while the University of Maryland won their first-ever Women's ACC title.

It was the first time Tech hosted the ACC Championships, and Baron noted that things went very smoothly. "We received nothing but praise and compliments from my peers and their coaching staffs, administrators, ACC administration and spectators. It makes us feel good to know that all of our hard work has paid off to make it a successful Championship," he said.

"Tech has a great facility, probably one of the top three in the country. Other coaches are excited to be here because they know that

this is the kind of environment that will produce fast swimming. That's proven," Baron said.

Tech will have the chance to display its outstanding facilities next year on a national level. The Jackets will host the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in March 2006, and there is a good chance of the ACC Championships returning within three years.

Tech's swimming programs are relatively young. The women's program is only in its fourth year, and while the men's team started in 1919, the modern era dates to 1989, when the team reemerged after a one year hiatus.

When asked about the impact of hosting this championship to gain recognition, Baron was quick to point out the importance of hosting non-collegiate meets as well.

"We need to get some non-collegiate meets here of high caliber to attract promising recruits. We are talking about hosting the U.S. Open Swimming Championship in December 2007, which will bring great exposure. The word is slowly getting out about these facilities," he said.

"Last fall we saw an increase in the number of recruits as well as in the talent level of recruits. We know that only the facility is not the magic button. We have got to sell the program, and there is a lot of responsibility on the coaching staff and on myself to get this done. But I honestly believe that we will move the program forward," Baron said.

With significant improvements in team performances and with school records falling left and right at the ACC Championships, Tech's program is surely making noise.

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**Seth Baron**  
Swimming head coach

# Baseball splits weekend series

By Joseph Jeong  
Contributing Writer

Wes Hodges and Jason Neighborgall continued their impressive start to the season but could not stop the visiting Rutgers from stealing one from No. 13 Tech as they split the weekend series. The rubber game on Sunday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Neighborgall improved to 2-0 for the season by holding Rutgers to two runs on three hits in six innings. He struck out six and issued only two walks to earn the win in the opening game of the weekend series.

Hodges continues to be Tech's leading performer on offense with three hits, all of them for extra bases including two solo home runs. Jeff Kindel matched that number of hits and contributed with two RBIs.

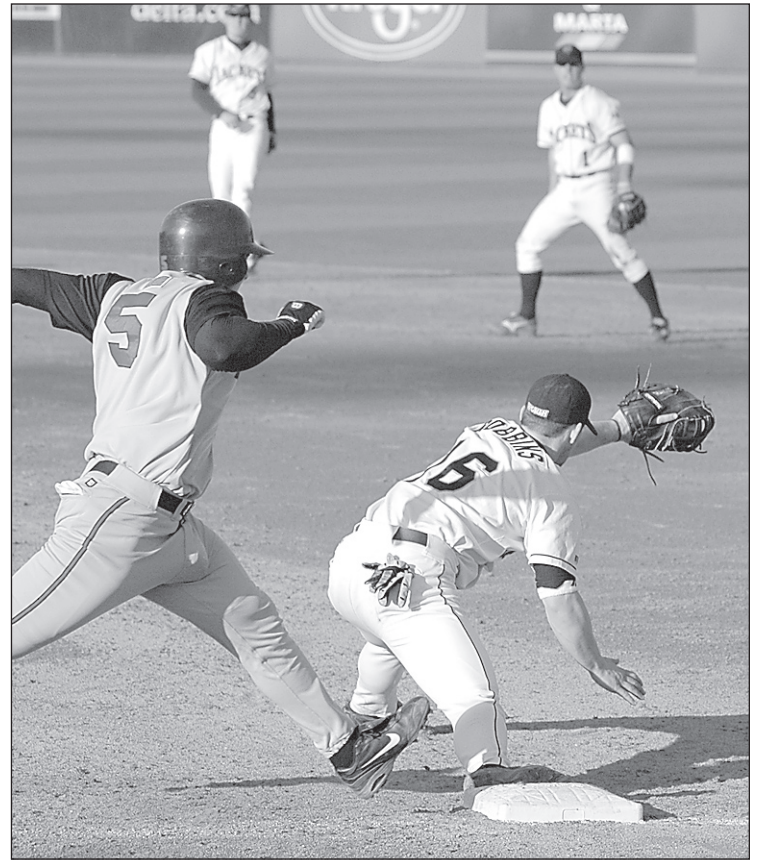
Danny Payne also had a multiple-hit game with two hits for two RBIs. Overall the Tech sluggers outhit Rutgers 11-7 in the opening game. It started out as a close game with Tech holding on to the lead 3-2 after five innings, but Tech had a big sixth inning to pull away 11-2.

Rutgers attempted a late rally in the seventh and eighth to make it 11-6, but Matt Wieters came in and shut the door on them.

Jeff Frazier led Rutgers with three hits, including a home run in the seventh inning and four RBIs.

Saturday's game started out well for Tech when they jumped to an early 6-1 lead, but Rutgers rallied back in time to tie the game in the ninth and behind a very strong performance by their bullpen stole the game 10-9 in the 13th inning with an unearned run.

Hodges was again Tech's hottest bat, with a career-high five hits including his team-leading sixth home run. Tyler Greene had four hits and Jeremy Slayden added three more as five Tech players had



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Whit Robbins stretches out at first base on a close play against Rutgers. The Jackets split a pair of games against the Scarlet Knights.**

multiple-hit games.

Despite the gaudy offensive numbers, Tech didn't get the timely hits they needed to win the game and stranded 18 runners on base, including Mike Trapani on second with no outs in the 13th inning.

Rutgers' bullpen was the star of the game as the trio of Sean Spicer, Tim Woodulland and Jim Jansen pitched 10 innings and only allowed one run despite allowing eight hits and walking seven. Jordan Crews picked up the loss for Tech, and Tim Woodhull got the win for Rutgers as the Scarlet Knights snapped Tech's winning streak at seven.

On Tuesday Tech faced Georgia

Southern at Russ Chandler Stadium. The Jackets prevailed 9-1 over the Eagles to improve to 8-2 on the season. The win was the 700th career victory for Head Coach Danny Hall. The last 492 of those victories have been earned at Tech.

Wieters received his first collegiate victory by throwing 3.2 scoreless innings in relief for the win. He also batted in a run as Tech's designated hitter. Tyler Greene drove in two runs in the victory for the Jackets. On Wednesday the Jackets lost an exhibition contest against the Atlanta Braves by the score of 12-0. They start ACC play this weekend against Duke.



# Local product Blackwood produces in outfield



By Darren Sabino / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Junior outfielder Steven Blackwood played in the Cape Cod League over the summer where using a wooden bat helped tune his swing.**

**By Michael Clarke**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

When someone grows up in metro Atlanta, there are a few obvious choices as to where one will go to college. Steven Blackwood grew up in Roswell, and living in a Bulldog family could have led to tension in the decision-making process, but this was not the case for the star outfielder.

“Tech was definitely a front-runner in terms of where I wanted

to go to college,” Blackwood said. “I grew up in a Georgia family, and my brother actually went to UGA. He’s seven years older than me. I’m very honored to be recruited by Tech. They were one of the last schools to talk to me but the first to make an offer. I was very pleased to hear about that, and it definitely changed where I wanted to go to school.”

Not only has Blackwood’s older brother been there for him in the sports arena, but also Blackwood describes him as the ideal big brother in

terms of setting a good example. “Definitely my family, but more specifically my brother [had a large influence on my life],” Blackwood said. “He’s been the one figure in my life that has always been supportive and there for me. I’ve been very blessed to have a brother like that to guide me in the right direction and down the right path.”

As expected, Blackwood’s brother wasn’t too keen on him attending Tech, but he played the good brother role in not trying to deter his brother from playing for the Jackets.

“He is a die-hard Georgia fan, so it was kind of a tough pill for him to swallow,” Blackwood said. “He knew the opportunity that I would get for coming to a school of this caliber with the academics and the athletics. He will actually agree that Tech is better academically and on par athletically. I think that Tech is a bit better in baseball, but overall he was very supportive of the process. He never pushed me one way or the other, and since I never was recruited by UGA that never became an option. He was very supportive in trying to find a school that would fit me best.”

After being swept in last year’s Super Regional, Steven was expecting his brother to constantly remind him of the loss. Instead of being a typical UGA fan, his brother reminded him a bit, but did not rub it in.

“Actually, when the pain went away he let in a little bit,” Blackwood said. “From the start he was more upset because he wanted to see me

go to the College World Series and for me to have that experience. He was very happy that UGA won, but he backed off a bit. He kind of didn’t do what I expected him to do as a typical UGA fan.”

For most Tech students there is an adjustment to college life, but for most athletes the rigorous academics

**“Overall this summer I worked on my arm strength. Mechanics have been one thing that the coaches are always working with me on.”**

**Steven Blackwood**  
**Junior outfielder**

take even more of a toll. Blackwood uses baseball as a release from the stress of classes.

“When I first came in it was kind of overwhelming especially as a Biology major [with a pre-med concentration],” Blackwood said. “The academic side definitely gets magnified when you go to class and have to take the books on the road. Once you get into a set routine, you kind of look forward to being back. I look forward to the baseball season because it gives me a release from the academic side of it. I realized that I can put it aside and enjoy something

else during my time here.” Over the summer, Blackwood was playing in the Cape Cod League for the Orleans Cardinals. Unlike college and high school baseball, the league gave him the opportunity to play with a wooden bat.

“I was able to work with a wooden bat,” Blackwood said. “You have a smaller sweet spot, and you have to trim your swing down a little bit. You have to have a compact swing because a long swing just doesn’t work. That definitely helped me out this summer because coming back you have the aluminum bat you have more freedom. You can make a few more mistakes here and there to get away with. Overall this summer I worked on my arm strength. Mechanics have been one thing that the coaches are always working with me on. I did a lot of work on my mechanics over the summer, and it is starting to pay off.”

In the few instances when he is not studying or practicing, Blackwood tries to kick back and relax. “[I’m] probably playing X-Box [in my free time],” Blackwood said. “That’s one thing that my roommates and I enjoy doing. That’s kind of our relaxing time when we have nothing else to do. When we have no tests the next day or a day off from baseball we’ll hang around watching TV. When college football is in season we are definitely enjoying that. Once I got to Tech, I learned that days off are very valuable. You don’t get that many, so you have to take advantage of them.”



# Young hoops team prepares for ACC Tournament

By Vishal Patel  
Contributing Writer

Despite ending the regular season on a six-game losing streak, excitement is brewing in the clubhouse as the regular season has concluded and much-anticipated postseason play begins today when Tech squares off against the Lady Hurricanes from Miami in the first game of the 2005 ACC Tournament.

"Miami is a new team, and I am a new player so I don't know too much about them, but we have had a chance to play them early in the year. It was a really good game and as you know they have the nation's leading scorer on their team and everything pretty much revolves around her," said freshman forward Janie Mitchell, who has made a late push into the starting lineup with her ability to crash the boards and to rise to the occasion in the absence of the injured Kasha Terry.

Freshman point guard Jill Ingram likes the team's chances against Miami. "We match up pretty good against them," Ingram said. "The key for us to win the game is just to rebound and play solid defense. If we stick to that plan, then we can win the game," she said.

Ingram recalls a comforting quote from the plethora of maxims and sayings on Coach MaChelle Joseph's white board in her office that she thinks has gotten the team through a tough season at times: "Never get too low after a loss or too high after a win."

"I think that fits perfectly with us because if you lose, don't sit and ponder on it, get back and get the next win. And if you win, great, but you can't sit on that one victory," Ingram explained.

As a native of North Carolina, Ingram was not like the other Carolinians who chose sides between two of basketball's best in the state: Duke

and North Carolina. Instead Ingram left her slate clean and chose Tech.

"Growing up, most kids are always like 'I wanna go to Duke' or 'I wanna go to Carolina,' but I wasn't like that. I never had a school I really wanted to go to. So during the recruiting process everything was fair game and when some of my friends went to Carolina and Duke, I wanted to beat Carolina and I wanted to beat Duke. You know, I played with them already, so let's compete! That's how I always

**"[The] sophomores and the juniors are a bigger part of the team because they are our role models and our leaders on the team..."**

**Jill Ingram**  
Freshman point guard

thought," Ingram said.

Going to the second round to face a hungry Carolina squad is an opportunity to grab some bragging rights for Ingram against her high school rivals.

Chante Black from Duke, Ivory Latta and Camille Little from UNC, and Keisha Brown from N.C. State were all teammates of Ingram while she played for Team North Carolina for two years. She also played against UNC's Leah Metcalf for two years in high school as Leah played for a local rival.

Just a freshman, Ingram explained the differences between playing point guard in high school versus playing the point guard spot at the college level.

"Of course it's going to be really hard because I had to learn the system and buy into the system and then tell everybody where they need to go and run the team on the court and be the coach on the floor, and that's always hard for a freshman to do...Coming out of high school you didn't need to be the verbal leader, you could just lead by example, but now you have to be both the vocal leader and the leader by example. That was probably the biggest challenge for me," Ingram said.

The 5'9" guard sees herself surrounded by the game later in life. "I always wanted to be a coach. My layout is that I want to start out as a recruiter and going around and travel and watch basketball and learn the ropes and network and then hopefully land a head coaching job afterward," Ingram said.

Ingram's teammate Mitchell has proven versatile as a scoring and rebounding threat ever since entering the starting lineup because of a Kasha Terry injury.

Mitchell, Ingram and classmate Chioma Nnamaka are three freshman players who have had to step up and perform as members of the starting lineup.

Mitchell said that the biggest surprise is "how the team has responded to how many young players we have in key positions and how everybody has just embraced all the young players. Also, how we're positive about it and not negative and how we're able to deal with things I would not have expected to deal with so well."

Mitchell's rise to the starting lineup is not the end of her seemingly endless ceiling of potential.

"She definitely has some goals set for herself and she's determined. I was talking to my dad about it and he always likes to talk about the game, and he's like, 'That Janie Mitchell... she's gonna be something!' He's always saying that people might not



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Women's basketball is seeded No. 8 in the ACC tournament and faces No. 9 seed Miami today. The winner will face top-seeded UNC.**

realize it now, but she's a good player," Ingram said of Mitchell.

Although one could argue that the 2004-2005 season has been the year of the freshmen for women's basketball at Tech, both Ingram and Mitchell credit their elders for helping them through the growing pains.

"It's the year of the freshmen for obvious reasons because we started three freshmen towards the end of the season," Ingram said. "Like Janie said, the sophomores and the juniors are a bigger part of the team because

they are our role models and our leaders on the team, and we follow them because [of what] they know through experience."

The Jackets, led by their fabulous freshmen, take on Miami today at 11 a.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum in the first round of the ACC Tournament.

The game will be televised on Fox Sports Net and will also be broadcast on WREK Radio. The winner of the game will face top-seeded North Carolina, who has a first-round bye in the tournament.

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By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The golf team won the Puerto Rico Classic. It was the team's first tournament win since the 2002 NCAA East Regional tournament.

## Golf wins in Hawaii

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The No. 3 Jackets won the Puerto Rico Classic last Tuesday by shooting 845 (-19) as a team after a final round of 287 (-1).

It is their first tournament win this season. Florida finished in second place, four strokes behind Tech. No. 1 ranked Oklahoma State was five strokes over Tech's score.

Chan Song shot a final round 71 to finish tied for fourth place with a 210. Teammate Nicholas Thompson shot a 70 to end the tournament in a tie for sixth with a 211 total. Both golfers shot under par in each round.

"I'm happy for our players," said Head Coach Bruce Heppler. "They've worked very hard and they

do what we've asked them to do, and we're seeing some results. They've been around the lead the whole year, and it's nice for them to feel some satisfaction. Winning just reaffirms what they do every day."

At the end of the first day the Jackets were in third place, two shots behind No. 2 Georgia. The Jackets were led by Song, who shot a 68.

Roberto Castro led the Jackets on the second day shooting a 67. Michael Barbosa came in with a solid 69, and Thompson and Song each shot a 71.

At the end of the second day Tech moved up to first place and had a four-shot lead over Florida.

The Jackets will see their next action in Las Vegas at the Southern Highlands Collegiate next weekend.

## Softball slips at Leadoff Classic

By Patrick Odneal  
Assistant Sports Editor

The softball team's record dropped to 13-4 last weekend as they traveled to Columbus, Ga. for the annual NFCA Leadoff Classic. The Jackets lost four tough games in two days of play at the tournament where 11 of 24 teams were nationally ranked.

The Jackets lost to the No. 8 ranked Michigan Wolverines 4-1 in the first game last Friday. Jessica Sallinger struck out eight of 25 batters and gave up three hits in five innings pitched.

The Wolverines gained all four scores on home runs. In the first inning Michigan's Jessica Merchant hit a solo home run over the left center fence to give the Wolverines a 1-0 lead.

In the third inning with the score tied at one run, Michigan's Samantha Finley hit a three-run shot after the leadoff runner made it to first base off a Jacket error. With two outs and a runner on second, Merchant was intentionally walked before Michigan's Samantha Findlay homered to left center to pick up three RBIs.

Tech's only run of the game came in the second inning. Senior Katie Donovan singled with one out and then advanced to second off a Wolverine error. With two outs first-year Aileen Morales singled to right field to drive in Donovan.

In the second game on Friday the Jackets lost 5-1 to the Salukis from Southern Illinois University. The Jackets gave up four home runs as the Salukis picked up all of their runs off the long ball.

Tech took the early lead in the third inning. Freshman Stephanie Butler reached second base off an error by the Saluki third baseman, who was trying to throw Butler out at first. Morales came to the plate next and picked up the RBI with a

single through the right side.

Back to back Saluki home runs in the fourth inning put them up 3-1 before solo home runs in the fourth and fifth innings gave SIU the 5-1 victory.

On Saturday Tech faced South Carolina and lost 2-0 in a contest that lasted 10 innings. Sallinger threw an impressive complete-game one-hitter striking out 12 of the 28 batters she faced. She moved to No. 16 on the NCAA career strikeout list; she has struck out 1118 batters in her four-year career.

The Gamecocks won the game off a two-run home run by Carolina McKenna. Because of the international tiebreaker rule, a runner was placed on second to start the

inning, so Sallinger gave up only one earned run.

In the second game on Saturday Tech lost 9-1 to No. 17 ranked Nebraska in a five-inning contest. Sophomore Sarah Wood was the starter and made it to the first out in the fourth inning before first-year Whitney Humphreys came in to finish the game.

The softball team returns to action today and tomorrow as they host the annual Buzz Classic. All games will be played in Marietta. Tech faces Winthrop and Purdue today before facing St. Louis University and Mercer tomorrow. The final day of the tournament is Sunday. The pairings will be determined by the results of pool play.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The softball team started off the season winning 13 straight games, but in a tough tournament last weekend they dropped four games.

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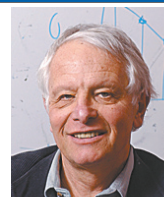
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## BASEBALL BY THE BAY

Junior outfielder Steven Blackwood talks about his family, selecting Tech and playing in the Cape Cod League. **Page 24**

## ISYE PROF HITS HOME RUN

Professor George Nemhauser planned logistics for airplanes and shipping ports; now he's routing Major League Baseball. **Page 11**



## Aqua Jackets finish strong at ACCs

By Lokesh Padhye  
Contributing Writer

Tech junior Sam Morgan became just the second Yellow Jacket, and the first since Shilo Ayalon set the meet record in 2003, to win the ACC conference title in the 1650-yard freestyle when he recorded an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 14:54.71 in the Men's ACC Championships, which concluded last Saturday.

The men's team improved on a fifth-place finish a year ago and finished third for just the second time in school history. A week ago Tech's women achieved a strong sixth-place finish in the Women's ACC Swimming and Diving Championships.

"We are very pleased with our finish at the ACC Championships. Both the men's and women's teams did an excellent job and it looks like we will have two women qualifiers for the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history," said Head Coach Seth Baron.

Sophomore Vesna Stojanovska became the first women's swimmer to win an ACC title with a school record NCAA 'B' cut time of 1:59.27 in the 200-yard butterfly.

Stojanovska earned All-ACC honors for two consecutive days. She finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:47.67 prior to her win in the 200-yard butterfly.

Freshman Elizabeth Stowe broke



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stephanie England dives at the Men's and Women's ACC Championships that took place over the past two weeks. The men finished third, while the women earned sixth, the best in their four-year history.

her own school record in the 1650-yard freestyle with an NCAA 'B' cut time of 16:28.08 to earn All-ACC honors. "It was a huge drop in time of [Stowe's] personal best and it's the time that should qualify her for the NCAA Championships. It was great to have the first ACC Champion, [Stojanovska], at home. Those two ladies did a remarkable job," Baron said.

Tech's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Natanya Harper, Liz Foster, Moeko Wallis and Stojanovska set a new school record with a time of 3:26.47 to finish in sixth place. The 800-yard freestyle relay team of Stojanovska, Foster, Stowe and Meghan DeVinney broke the school record by five seconds with an NCAA 'B' cut time of 7:24.06 to finish fifth.

In the Men's ACC Champion-

ships, Morgan won his first ACC title and will compete at the NCAA Championships for the third consecutive season. Another junior, Jason Howard, posted a career best time of 44.57 to notch an NCAA 'B' standard in the 100-yard freestyle and finish the race in fifth place.

Though Morgan dominated all

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## Hoops tops Canes, falls to Wake on road

By Kyle Thomason  
Sports Editor

On Saturday Tech rallied from a 59-51 deficit with eight minutes remaining to top Miami 76-72. The win pushed the Jackets' ACC record to 7-7.

Jarrett Jack scored 21 points for Tech in the victory, and Will Bynum nailed seven free throws in the final two minutes to secure the victory.

Tech's freshmen played a large role in the victory. Jeremis Smith played 24 minutes and led the Jackets with eight rebounds. Anthony Morrow hit four three-pointers off of the bench in 18 minutes of play. Ra'Sean Dickey added 12 points in 17 minutes as well.

The Hurricanes were led by 24 points from Guillermo Diaz and 20 points from Robert Hite in the loss.

Riding high after a road victory at the Convocation Center in Coral Gables, the Jackets headed to Winston-Salem, N.C. to take on the No. 4 Wake Forest Demon Deacons on Wednesday night.

The Jackets got off to a hot start with B.J. Elder hitting four of his first five shots from the field and sprinted out to an early lead against the Demon Deacons.

The Jackets led 45-37 at halftime and opened the second half with an Elder three that stretched the lead to 11.

Wake Forest stormed back and

took the lead 73-72 with a Chris Paul basket with 7:29 remaining and never looked back.

Wake Forest was strong from the line at the end of the contest to hold off the Jackets and end the game with a 98-91 win.

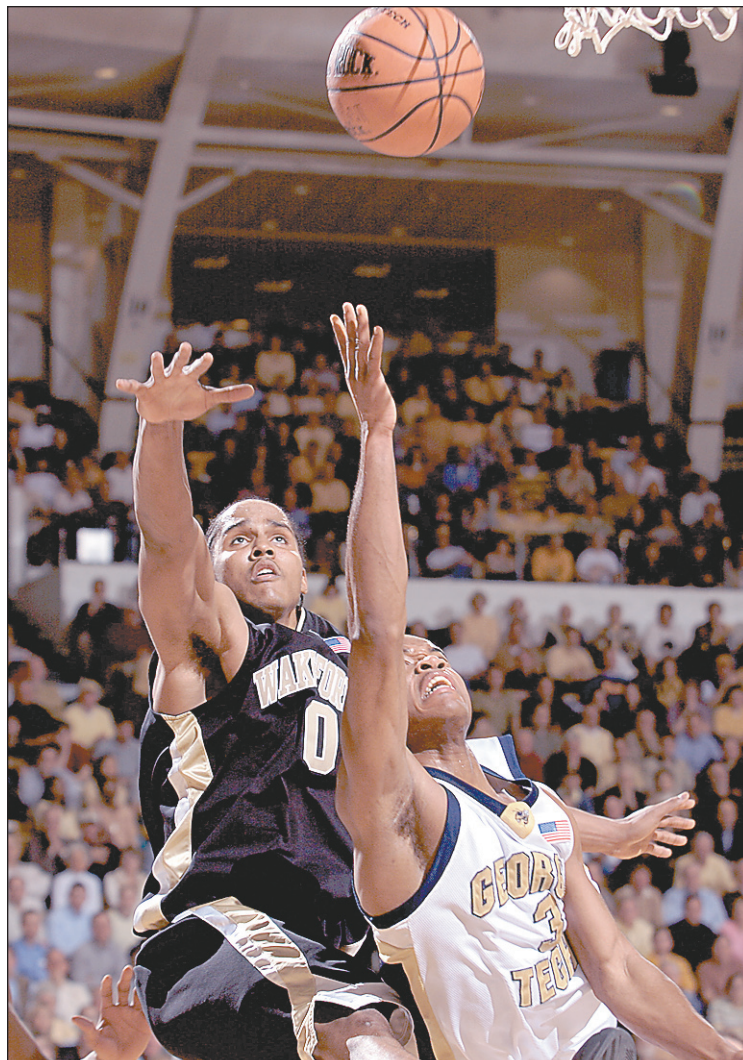
Demon Deacons forward Vytas Danelius scored 17 points and added 11 rebounds to lead his team to victory in his final home game as a senior. Eric Williams continued to play well against the Jackets and scored 21 points for Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons finished the year without losing a single game at home. The win avenged Wake Forest's loss to Tech earlier in the year in Atlanta, and it also keeps the Demon Deacons just behind North Carolina in the race for the ACC title.

Jack led Tech in the loss with 23 points. Elder continued his comeback with 22 points and Luke Schenscher added 18 points and nine rebounds in the losing effort for the Jackets.

The loss puts Tech at 7-8 in ACC play and 16-10 overall. It is critical for Tech to defeat Clemson at home on Saturday to finish league play with a .500 record and feel more at ease with regard to its chances to make the NCAA Tournament.

The game will be played at 1:30 p.m. in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The ACC Tournament begins March 10 at the MCI Center in Washington D.C.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

On Wednesday Tech lost 98-91 at No. 4 Wake Forest. Tech is now 7-8 in ACC play and hosts Clemson tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

## sports shorts

## Braves shut out Jackets in Orlando

The Jackets had a rough afternoon in an exhibition contest against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday. Five Braves pitchers combined on a no-hitter against Tech.

The Braves managed to score 12 runs on 19 hits in the victory. Chipper Jones and Raul Mondesi each hit home runs in the win. Ryan Self started the game for the Jackets and pitched a scoreless inning for Tech.

## Men's tennis splits against SEC

Tech's men's tennis team faced Auburn and South Carolina over the past week. On Saturday the Jackets met the Tigers and were defeated 4-3 in a contest that went down to the final match of the day.

The men's squad bounced back against South Carolina on Tuesday, winning all four matches that were played. Due to inclement weather, the coaches of the two teams agreed to end the match when one team had won four points. Jose Muguruza's victory over Tom Ecklund finished off the Gamecocks.

## Women's tennis falls to Vanderbilt

The Jackets lost their second match of the dual-match season to No. 6 Vanderbilt on the home courts of the Commodores on Saturday afternoon. The Jackets were not able to win a single set against their highly-ranked opponent on the afternoon.

The team's next home match is against South Alabama on Sunday at 12 p.m.

## FSU tops women in final seconds

The women's basketball team played their final home game of the season last Sunday, Feb. 27 and lost to Florida State 51-49. The Jackets were leading by three points when FSU's Holly Johnson nailed a three-pointer with just under 10 seconds left in the game.

Sophomore Stephanie Higgs led Tech with 14 points and Junior Jessica Williams scored 10 points and also pulled in eight rebounds.

## Hall picks up 700th win

The baseball team beat Georgia Southern 9-1 on Tuesday to give Head Coach Danny Hall 700 career wins. In 18 years of coaching Hall has a record of 700-330. He has won 492 games in his 12 years at Tech.